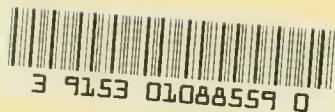




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DEALERS IN

Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods.

AGENTS FOR BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS.

MANUFACTURERS AND REPAIRERS OF UMBRELLAS.

Nos. 359 to 365 Main Street.

IN the dry-goods trade special enterprise and ability always tell. Competition in this branch of business is particularly keen—the more so in a city of the size and importance of Hartford. The goods themselves are so often dependent upon the whims of fashion that none but a wide-awake dealer is able to keep abreast of the times. But what seems exceedingly difficult to one is easily accomplished by another who sets about it in the right way. Messrs. Cook & Hills have found no difficulty in meeting the discriminating requirements of the people of Hartford. With a very intimate knowledge of the dry-goods trade in all its branches, and prepared by long experience and special aptitude for meeting all competition, it is not at all surprising that, during the years in which they have been in business in this city they should have taken a place in the front rank of the responsible and representative business men of Hartford. This is the oldest dry-goods establishment in this city, having been founded seventy-two years ago by Mr. Reuben Langdon, who was succeeded by his son under the firm name of Joseph Langdon & Co. The present firm, consisting of Messrs. C. W. Cook and C. S. Hills, having grown up in the business, succeeded to the control about twelve years ago. The premises occupied are located at Nos. 359-365 Main Street, and comprise a fine store 70 x 120 feet in size with basements. Employed are fifty experienced assistants, and a well-selected and extensive assortment of foreign and domestic dry goods is also manufacturers and repairers of umbrellas. Their prices are very reasonable, and bargains may be obtained. Both members of the firm are natives of Hartford, and widely and favorably known.



MAIN AND PRATTS STREETS.

BROWN, THOMSON & COMPANY, DRY GOODS,

380, 398, 400, 402 Main Street.

THIS leading house has been established for a quarter of a century, and although one of the original partners, Mr. Brown, is deceased, the name of the firm has been unchanged from the start. The present partners are Messrs. Jas. M. Thomson, George A. Gay, William Campbell and Harry B. Strong. The new store premises are undoubtedly the most elegant and modernly equipped of the kind in the State, allowing an extremely large amount of space on the ground floor, consisting of the entire first story of the Cheney Building, at 380, 398, 400 and 402 Main Street, with a frontage on Main Street of 90 feet, and extending back 150 feet. It affords a half of an acre for the immense displays of new goods handled by this house. The Cheney Block with its magnificent frontage and façades of red Connecticut sandstone is too familiar a landmark on Main Street to need any elaborate description. The constant expansion of the business required the addition of an "Annex" in 1890, 70 x 200 feet in dimensions, and in the spring of 1894 they came into possession of the famous Bee Hive store, which they connected with their annex by a further addition of 50 x 50 feet, comprising four floors. A very attractive feature of the main store is that the immense stock is all displayed on one floor, and is thus exceptionally convenient for examination and purchase. The firm handle a very extensive retail trade, undoubtedly the largest in this part of the State, and with few rivals in New England. They are large importers, and are constantly receiving new and elegant goods. They have made low prices a part of their business, and have the well-earned reputation of offering a larger amount for the money than can be obtained this side of New York. Besides the general dry-goods stock, they handle cloaks and suits, ladies' and children's shoes, millinery, carpets, furniture, boys' clothing, gent's furnishings, cut flowers and candies. They have also special lines of household goods, baby carriages, toys and novelties at prices which command the popular trade. In the balcony of their annex building is a spacious restaurant where a lunch can be had at any hour of the day. This, with the advantages of pleasant waiting and toilet rooms, makes their big store a delightful place for the shoppers, and the sensible housewives of this section of the State make regular pilgrimages to this Mecca of all retail purchasers, and the highest testimony to the superiority of the store will be given by its thousands of regular customers. Mr. Jas. Thomson, the senior member of the firm, is one of the oldest merchants of Hartford, and has been closely associated with its important interests throughout the most progressive period in its history.



MAIN STREET.



JOSEPH G. LANE



LIQUORS

TERMS CASH.

Nos. 222, 224 & 226 STATE ST.

HARTFORD has long been noted as the commercial centre of the beautiful and prosperous Connecticut Valley, and the command of capital and well-defined energy and enterprise of her merchants have enabled her to maintain this supremacy successfully and permanently. One of the leading and representative business men of the city is Mr. Joseph G. Lane, who controls a large and growing trade as a wholesale dealer in liquors of both domestic and

foreign production. As a boy he entered the employ of Mr. J. W. Danforth, who began business in 1834, and was one of the most prominent merchants of his time. By energy and marked ability Mr. Lane won his way to the highest position in the house, eventually being admitted to partnership with the founder under the firm name of J. W. Danforth & Co. After the death of Mr. Danforth Mr. Lane assumed full control of the business, and the great prosperity it has enjoyed during the past twenty years is the direct result of his individual efforts, his ability as a merchant and his popularity as a man. The premises occupied at Nos. 222, 224 and 226 State Street have a frontage of thirty feet and a depth of one hundred feet, four floors being utilized. An immense stock of choice liquors, wines, brandies, etc., is carried—a specialty being made of case goods, among which figure prominently “Old Crow,” “Old Pepper,” “Hermitage,” “Belle of Nelson” and other famous whiskeys. The house employs four assistants, Major Frank Cowles, who has represented it on the road for the past thirty-one years, being popularly known throughout the length and breadth of New England. This house is noted for the length of time its employees stay—among whom we would mention Geo. S. Haskell, bookkeeper, twenty-eight years; Dennis McAuliffe, porter, thirty years, and John Lynch, twenty-five years.



D. H. BLINN & CO., Jewelers; Watch and Jewelry Repairing; No. 175 Asylum Street.—It is annoying to lose your watch, but that is the end of it. If you keep your watch, and your watch does not keep time, the annoyance stays right with you, and the only way to get rid of it is to take the recalcitrant timepiece to somebody who knows how to put it in proper order. Messrs. D. H. Blinn & Co., the well-known jewelers, of No. 175 Asylum Street, make the repairing of watches a special and important part of their business. Their work is always conscientiously done, and can always be depended upon, and their prices are most reasonable. They repair every kind of watch, but make a feature of fine and complicated timepieces. The firm are old-established, and enjoy a high reputation, not only because of the character of their work in the repairing of watches and jewelry, but from the superior quality and reliability of the stock they carry. They make a specialty of watches and diamonds, and particularly of the quick-train Rockford watch, which is especially adapted to the requirements of railroad men and travelers. Their establishment at No. 175 Asylum Street is handsomely fitted and well stocked, the space occupied being 20 x 50 feet in extent.

H. F. CORNING & CO., Manufacturers of All Kinds of Harness; Sole Agents for Fennell's Kentucky Horse Boots; No. 83 Asylum Street.—Economy is a virtue that is too apt to be practiced in the breach rather than in the observance, the average buyer of goods of whatever description seeming to be possessed of the idea that in buying cheaply he is being economical. Nothing could be further from the truth in most cases, since nine times out of ten the cheapest goods are the poorest goods. Striking examples of this fact are to be found in harness, for, while good harness may at times be cheap, cheap harness is never good. This seeming paradox is capable of ready explanation. Good harness is cheap when it is sold at reasonable prices, while no matter how cheap poor goods may be they are dear at any price. One of the oldest and largest harness firms in Hartford, dealing on both a wholesale and retail scale, has made the high reputation it sustains through selling only first-class goods at moderate prices. We refer to Messrs. H. F. Corning & Co., of No. 83 Asylum Street, manufacturers of, and wholesale and retail dealers in, all kinds of harness. The present firm was organized in 1869, and succeeded to the business established by Mr. Ralph Goodwin in 1812, and is therefore entitled to the distinction of being the oldest house in its line in the city. They have a large and convenient store, occupying two floors, each 30 x 110 feet in dimensions, and carry an immense high-grade stock of horse goods of every description, their average force of employees numbering eight. They have a large trade in the New England States generally, and a particularly prosperous local business. Their harness is all hand-made from pure oak leather, and every other article in their stock is of equally high quality. Messrs. Corning & Co. are sole agents for Fennell's celebrated Kentucky horse boots, and handle the equally celebrated Burlington blanket, which is claimed to be the only "stay-on" blanket in the market.

A. R. HULL, Dealer in All Kinds of Meat, Poultry, Game, Vegetables, Fruit, Fish, Oysters, Clams, Lobsters, Etc., No. 61 Market Street, Opposite Foot of Kinsley Street.—The commercial advantages of Hartford have brought men of enterprise and capital to establish themselves in our midst, and nearly every branch of industry is here carried on vigorously. The establishment located at No. 61 Market Street, opposite the foot of Kinsley Street, is one of the oldest in the city, and is now under the able management of Mr. A. R. Hull, who has a thorough and practical knowledge of all its details, to which he devotes his close personal attention, thus ensuring his customers every possible advantage to be obtained in the city. This market comprises one floor, 25 x 80 feet in size, which is well stocked with a choice selection of meats, poultry, game, vegetables, fruit, fish, oysters, clams, lobsters, etc. The extensive retail trade of this house requires the employment of a large force of experienced assistants, and orders receive prompt attention, and goods are delivered to all parts of the city. Popular prices prevail, and a very large trade is catered to. Mr. Hull is well known, not only as a liberal buyer, but as a man with whom business relations prove not only profitable, but pleasant and lasting.

S. B. BOSWORTH, Granite Salt-Glazed Sewer-Pipe, Flue Linings, Chimney Tops, Etc.; Manufacturer of Stone and Earthenware; Factory, Nos. 38, 40 and 42 Front Street.—The question of drainage is now regarded as by far the most important affecting our modern city life, and must become increasingly so with our steady advance in population. A business house which has for over a century been the pioneer and leader in this department of New England and national trade is that conducted by Mr. S. B. Bosworth, of Hartford, whose extensive plant is situated at Nos. 38-42 Front Street, in immediate connection with railroad and river. These works and their output represent the very highest development of manufacture in their lines. The business was established in 1780, and has been conducted without interruption since that time. Mr. S. B. Bosworth has had entire control for the past twenty years. The main building is 125 x 150 feet in dimensions, three stories high. There is a second building, 70 x 160 feet (three stories), with several others adjoining; thirty-five large kilns and very extensive drying and storage yards, covering about two acres. The great specialty for which this plant is famous is the granite salt-glazed sewer-pipe, beyond question the most enduring and reliable made in this country. The methods of manufacture have been long and carefully perfected, and this pipe is used by leading engineers and experts throughout the United States. It is sold at liberal wholesale figures, and, considering service, is much the cheapest in the market. Mr. Bosworth also manufactures flue linings, chimney tops, etc., and stone and earthenware of every kind. The material used and superior process enable him to supply the highest grade of goods at very low figures. He carries a very extensive and complete stock, with first-class facilities for prompt shipment by rail or water. The trade is chiefly through New England, but large consignments are shipped to many other points.

Payne, Cornwall & Co.

Nos. 405 & 407 Allyn Street.

... Wholesale Dealers in ...

Flour, Butter, Cheese, Lard,
Salt, Beans and Provisions.

THE wholesale house of Payne, Cornwall & Co. was organized March, 1891, by Edward S. Payne, Lester L. Potter and D. W. Cornwall, and almost from the start sprang into a large and profitable trade.

In these days of sleepless, untiring competition it was no small undertaking to establish a wholesale business in the midst of old and very wealthy houses, and with men of less determination and ability the attempt would undoubtedly have been followed by failure.

The history of this firm is an exceedingly remarkable one. In three years they have twice doubled the volume of their business, and have pushed forward into the very front rank of New England merchants. Their Hartford offices are at Nos. 405 to 407 Allyn

Street, where they occupy two floors in a handsome modern building. Their stock of goods in Hartford is a large one, but they also hire storehouses in a large number of cities throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, their method of business being to ship cars from Western and importing points direct to central places, from which distribution is made to the smaller towns. By this method they save the expense of one freight.

The energy and skill with which Payne, Cornwall & Co. have steadily built up and extended their business, increasing their territory from time to time, until now they cover almost all parts of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, is completely evidenced by superior standards and unvarying success. One of

their most successful specialties is flour, which they handle in large quantities, and have perfected their shipping facilities so as to make the most extensive consignments on short notice. Payne, Cornwall & Co. have the reputation of being good judges of credit and sharp collectors, but this fact is more than balanced by prices which are invariably level with the very lowest quotations and by goods of superior quality.

In their lines of fresh creamery butter, cheese, lard, salt and provisions, they handle a trade which have few rivals. Recently they have added a paper department, in which they keep all grades of wrapping paper, butchers' straw and waterproof, paper bags and flour sacks.

In their Hartford store are to be found the goods which bakers use, not only flour of every kind, but chocolate, cocoanut, jelly, and pie preparations. Their bakers' department is in fact a very important part of their business.

This article has spoken of their shrewdness and tact, but one very important reason for their success has been that their entire force of office help, salesmen, shippers and truckmen are taught to work by the constant, persistent energy of the partners, who are always at business. The principle that "nothing succeeds like success" have some limitations, but it receives a very large and forceful illustration in the history of Payne, Cornwall & Co.



PAYNE, CORNWALL & CO., HARTFORD, CONN., U. S. A.



THE CAPITOL AND MEMORIAL ARCH.



CO-OPERATIVE COAL COMPANY,

80 STATE STREET.

THE co-operative principle as applied to the conduct of business enterprises is growing in favor. Co-operative establishments are becoming more and more numerous in all parts of the country, and the uniform success attending their operations indicates that they appeal directly to the intelligence and common sense of the community. One of the latest important commercial undertakings based on this principle is the Co-operative Coal Company of Hartford, which was organized in January, 1894, to conduct a retail business in coal. It has a capital stock of \$20,000, and is officered by men of marked ability and high standing in this community. The President of the company is Mr. J. F. Swords, and its Treasurer is Mr. H. G. Kellogg, both long residents of this city and prominent business men. The business of the company is conducted solely in the interest of its stockholders, and the measure of success already obtained is conclusive evidence that the company affords one safe, certain and profitable field for investment. In a city such as Hartford, the natural source of supply of a large manufacturing centre, the consumption of coal is enormous, and the business of supplying the demand thus created, if prosecuted with the intelligence and ability which mark the conduct of the affairs of the Co-operative Coal Company, must of necessity bring continually large returns. Moreover, such a company presents decided advantages to the consumer, since its expenses being reduced to a minimum, and its large facilities presenting special advantages in obtaining supplies, it is in a position to accept lower prices than the majority of its competitors. The Co-operative Coal Company has well-appointed offices at No. 80 State Street, and employs an ample force of competent assistants, insuring prompt and satisfactory service on all occasions.



MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.



LINCOLN, SEYMS & CO. (Successors to Allyn & Blanchard Co.), Nos. 34, 36, 38 and 40 Market Street.—Each year the standards of taste and correspondingly the standards of trade in New England and other

sections are making constant progress, and to keep in the van of the best demands of the trade requires a very large amount of enterprise and wide experience. A leading and successful business house in all matters pertaining to its department of trade is that of Messrs. Lincoln, Seyms & Co., Nos. 34, 36, 38 and 40 Market Street. The business has been established here since 1865, and the firm under its present organization since 1891. They are the successors of the old house of Allyn & Blanchard Co. The large modern store occupied comprises five floors (60 x 95 feet in dimensions), and the firm also operate a steam grinding and packing mill of three floors (30 x 18 feet), and one floor (30 x 50 feet). Their stock includes every kind of first-class grocers' supplies at good wholesale prices. They are extensive importers of coffee, teas and spices, preparing and packing the same in the best modern manner. Their trade reaches throughout New England and parts of New York State. The stamp of this house has been for years the mark of the very best quality and condition of goods. Their prices are maintained on a liberal basis, and satisfaction guaranteed to all purchasers. The requirements of the business demand the constant employment of thirty people, and there is no house in the State doing a more extensive and thoroughly successful trade than this reliable firm.

BERNHARD WEIGELT & SON, Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Workers, Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Etc., No. 136 Main Street.—The purchase of a stove, range or furnace is one not to be lightly undertaken, for if the best results are to be obtained the utmost care must be exercised in the selection. There are many good makes of cooking and heating apparatus on the market, but there is a still larger number that, if not absolutely worthless, are the next thing to it, and there is no lack of dealers to aid in the work of deceiving the buyer. The first essential in the purchase of a stove or furnace is to find a dealer whose reputation assures you that you will receive full value for your money. The firm of Messrs. Bernhard Weigelt & Son, of this city, cannot be too highly recommended in this regard. Their business, like their reputation, is one of long standing, and they never make a representation that may not be fully relied upon. Mr. Bernhard Weigelt founded the establishment thirteen years ago, though he has been a resident of Hartford since 1861. His son, Mr. W. P. Weigelt, was admitted to partnership three years ago, at which time the present firm name was adopted. Their specialty is the "Herald" range, though they carry a full stock of stoves, ranges, furnaces, tinware, &c., at their store, No. 136 Main Street. They also have an extensive business as tin, copper and sheet-iron workers, making a specialty of tin roofing and repairing. Their working force averages nine skilled hands, and they are always in a position to promptly execute all orders in their line at the most moderate charges.

WILLIAM BROWN, No. 552 Main Street.—With a thorough knowledge of the business, the proprietor of the above-named house established business twenty-six years ago under the style of William Brown, and at present conducts one of the most popular harness-manufacturing establishments in the city. He occupies premises located at No. 552 Main Street, covering an area of 25 x 100 feet, where he carries a full line of trunks, traveling bags, harness and horse goods of all kinds. The retail trade of this house requires the services of four capable assistants, and the details of the entire business are under the direct personal supervision of the proprietor. Mr. Brown is a native of New York, and has been a Councilman for four different terms. The trade of this house, as may be inferred, is a large one, and ranges throughout the trade radius of the city. A visit to this establishment will prove profitable to all who require goods in this particular line. This establishment is perhaps as widely and favorably known as any in the city in its specialties, and offers inducements to purchasers not easily duplicated.

THE CO-OPERATIVE SAVINGS SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT, No. 49 Pearl Street.—The Co-operative Savings Society of Connecticut, incorporated in 1893, has already taken its place among the strongest and most successful institutions of its kind in the country. The broad and sound foundations on which it was laid, the unparalleled strength of its management, and the very liberal plans instituted, have given it within the first year a volume of solid business unequaled by any other co-operative savings society in New England. There are now over 1,200 shareholders, with 9,000 shares of stock issued, in Connecticut, reaching to every part of the State; for it is the plan of the management to make it a strictly State institution with the exceptional facilities concentrated at the State capital. The careful and reliable methods, devised by widely experienced business men after thorough study of all the savings society and building loan association methods in operation, have well earned for this Society the title of "a Gibraltar among savings institutions." The plan on which it operates combines greater safety and more liberality than is afforded by the ordinary savings banks, as it loans only on first mortgages very carefully selected on improved town and city property in Connecticut, the same being non-negotiable by its charter, thus furnishing absolute protection for investors. It is also protected against runs, which often wreck ordinary savings banks. Being purely mutual and co-operative, the investor or shareholder becomes at once a full participant in its management, so that the interests of every depositor are one with the organization, and a more thorough management is secured than is possible in any other way. By the added feature of installment payments on building loans, the Society is made thoroughly modern in every feature. To the investor of small means its plans of monthly savings present beyond question the most remunerative and most reliable channel of investment that can be secured. Earnings of 12 per cent. for the first year on sums even as low as \$1 per month is something without rival for the workingmen of this section and State. To larger investors, the Society's 6 per cent. and 7 per cent. coupon stock

affords a very attractive investment upon a basis which, for solidity, cannot be surpassed. The most important feature of all is that whereby it secures to its shareholders, large or small, the privilege of paying for and possessing their own homes with the same money which would be otherwise spent for rent. When one makes careful examination of this combination of strength and liberality, he must be convinced that along these lines must be developed the new and greatest financial institutions of the future. The officers and directors of the Society are as follows:

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CONNECTICUT TRUST & SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, HARTFORD, DEPOSITORY AND TRUSTEE.

These gentlemen are men of the highest standing throughout Connecticut, whose names are so well known that reference to them is alone required to show the great resources and pre-eminently representative character of the Society as a State savings institution. A careful examination of the various plans and opportunities presented by this Society will prove of extreme interest and value to every one of our readers.

CHARTER OAK MARBLE AND GRANITE

WORKS, Karl J. Beij, Proprietor, No. 93 Charter Oak Avenue.—From the earliest days of which there is record men have desired to perpetuate their memory by sculptured marbles and immemorial stone. It answers a great craving of human sympathy, and will doubtless continue to do so as long as society contains anything that is beautiful or worthy. A well-known and reliable establishment in this department of local work is that conducted by Mr. Karl J. Beij, and known throughout this part of the State as the "Charter Oak Marble and Granite Works." It is located at No. 93 Charter Oak Avenue and has been in successful operation here for years. Mr. Beij is a long-experienced and thorough master of every form of marble and granite sculpturing. He has made a special study of memorial work, and his facilities for artistic execution and durable results are unsurpassed in this section. He carries a large stock of monuments, gravestones and all kinds of cemetery stonework in marble and granite. He can also execute special designs to order with prompt and thorough accuracy. His prices will be found uniformly fair and reasonable. A special feature is made of cleaning and engraving old monuments, and this is a line of service which has been much appreciated. Mr. Beij employs four reliable and expert assistants. He can afford very superior facilities in this line, and our readers can be assured of receiving at the Charter Oak Marble and Granite Works most courteous and satisfactory treatment at all times.

HENRY D. FROST, Fine Family Groceries, No. 595

Main Street.—We take especial pleasure in making favorable and prominent mention of such an establishment as is carried on by Mr. Henry D. Frost, for he is a dealer in fine family groceries who has the disposition, the ability and the facilities to render first-class service to the public at fair prices, so that he may justly be called a public benefactor, although he is in the business to make money, and has never claimed that he was carrying on a sort of a charitable institution, as is in effect claimed by dealers who are always selling "below cost," and, in fact, almost giving things away—that is, if you can believe what they say. But Mr. Henry Frost is well prepared to sell "as low as the lowest," quality considered, and he does it, too, as is indicated by the magnitude of his business. Premises at No. 595 Main Street are occupied which measure 20 x 50 feet in size, and a very fine stock is constantly carried, comprising groceries in almost endless variety, including a very full line of choice teas and coffees, standard brands of family flour, superior canned goods, and fresh butter, eggs, etc., in general. Two competent assistants are employed, and the facilities for calling for and delivering orders are such as to assure prompt and reliable service, no pains being spared to furnish as satisfactory goods, when filling house orders, as could be obtained by customers personally visiting the store. Mr. Frost succeeded Mr. H. O. Case four years ago. He is a native of Hartford, and very well known.

STATE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Isaac Cross, Jr., President and Treasurer; F. H. Daniels, Secretary; Telephone Call 144-4.—No New England city has a more distinctive business character than Hartford, and a line in which it has long and eminently excelled is that of insurance. The State Mutual Fire Insurance Company has its offices situated here, and is known throughout the country as a representative institution in its department. The management of the company since it was incorporated twenty-seven years ago has been marked by conservative and reliable methods, so that its reputation for fair and liberal dealings is of the very highest kind. The resources have been accumulated by a long period of solid growth, and no company is more prompt and exact in meeting all just claims. The president and treasurer, Isaac Cross, Jr., has been connected with the company since its organization, and now holds the first insurance agency established here, being more than fifty years ago, comprising the following old reliable companies: Girard, of Philadelphia, \$1,580,336.11; Glens Falls, of N. Y., \$1,980,713.37; Williamsburg City, \$1,527,173.21; Sun Insurance Co., London, established 1710, \$2,671,250.50; Westchester, N. Y., \$1,685,591.31. Mutual companies: Merchants' and Farmers', Holyoke, Fitchburg, paying 25, 50 and 70 per cent. dividend to policy holders. Mr. F. H. Daniels, Secretary, has been associated with the company and insurance business for a number of years. Their facilities will be found most reliable and first class by our readers desiring the best satisfaction in this department.

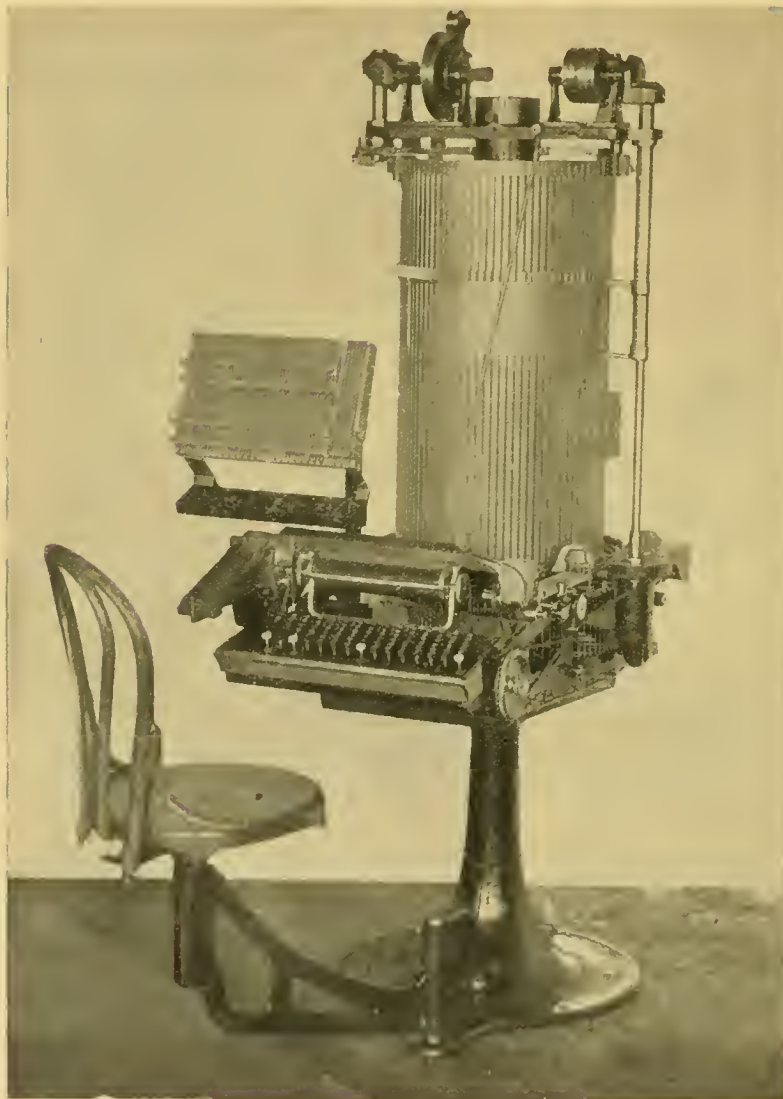
HUBE BROS., Family Bakery; Bread, Cakes and Pies

Fresh Every Day; Orders Promptly Attended To; No. 466 Main Street.—A first-class bakery is a great public convenience, so, when we state that Messrs. Hube Bros. carry on an establishment comprising a bakery equal to the best in every respect, it is unnecessary to add that their enterprise is worthy of hearty public support, and it is gratifying to be able to say that it receives such support, it being one of the most popular bakeries in the city. The premises utilized are located at No. 466 Main Street, and have an area of 2,500 square feet. They are very completely fitted up, among the facilities being the latest and most improved type of bakery apparatus. Messrs. Hube Bros. do an extensive retail business in bread, cakes and pies of all kinds, their productions, being in very active demand, as they are uniformly excellent in quality and are furnished in quantities to suit at the lowest market rates. The business was established by Mr. R. P. Judson, succeeded about four years ago by the present firm, which is composed of Messrs. Henry C. and John L. Hube, both natives of the State, where they learned their trade. The premises are divided as follows: Store in front, behind which is a nicely fitted up lunch-room for ladies and gentlemen. The bakery is in the basement, and, although out of sight, presents a neatness and cleanliness which a good housewife would appreciate. Both gentlemen give the business close personal supervision, and are determined to steadily maintain the service at the highest possible standard of efficiency.



ENTRANCE TO CEDAR HILL CEMETERY.

Thorne Typesetting Machine Company.



TEN years ago Joseph Thorne commenced building the first Thorne typesetting machine in this city, occupying a small space in the west end of Colt's Armory, and employing five men. From that small beginning has grown the Thorne Typesetting Machine Company, with its large plant of machinery, occupying a floor space of fourteen thousand square feet, and employing over one hundred men.

The general offices and manufactory of the company are located at No. 581 Capitol Avenue, with branches in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and London.

The officers of the company residing in Hartford are: R. W. Nelson, President; E. F. Linke, Treasurer; and E. J. Andrews, Secretary.

The Thorne Company manufactures and completes a machine every other day. These expensive and valuable machines sell for one thousand eight hundred dollars each, and are designed for setting and distributing type for books and newspapers.

These machines are being shipped to all parts of this country and Europe, and two hundred and fifty Thorne machines are now in use.

The only great industry which was not years ago transformed from hand work to machine work was typesetting, but this has at last yielded through the perfection of the typesetting machine.

Years of time and millions of money have been spent by investors and capitalists in trying to solve the problem of setting type by machinery, and the first machine to prove itself a practical and profitable investment was the Thorne, and from the small beginning of ten years ago has grown one of the large manufacturing industries of Hartford.

Among the publications set by the Thorne are the "Forum," the "Churchman" and the "Evangelist" of New York, the "Christian Register" of Boston, the "Interior" of Chicago, and dailies like the "Post" and "Mail and Express" of New York, the "Post" of Hartford, the "Union and Palladium" of New Haven, the "Post" of Bridgeport, the "Press" of Portland, Maine, the "Journal" of Atlanta, Ga., the "Daily Guardian" of Manchester, England, the "Observer" of Bradford, England, etc., etc.

H. W. GRANT & CO., Meats and Provisions, No. 484 Asylum Street.—Among the various popular and growing enterprises of the City of Hartford which bear the marks of increasing prosperity is the establishment of Messrs. Grant & Co., located at No. 484 Asylum Street. The business was established ten years ago in Market Street by Messrs. Ross & Convers; three years ago, however, the firm dissolved, and Mr. I. A. Convers moved to the present location, where the new company will continue the business. The premises occupied for the business measure 25 x 40 feet in size, and a complete stock is carried of choice meats and provisions of all kinds. Employment is given to a sufficient force of capable assistants, who wait upon customers attentively and fill orders promptly. The greatest care is exercised by Messrs. Grant & Co. in the selection of their stock, which is highly esteemed by the community for its freshness and reasonable price. Goods are delivered to any part of the city, and every facility is at hand for prosecuting a large and successful business. The present firm will spare no pains in selecting their stock, which will suit the most fastidious.

HUGO REUSS, Designer and Engraver on Jewelry and Metals of Every Description; Die Sinking, Stamp Cutting and Patterns for Casting; No. 333 Main Street, Hill's Block, Room 20.—Prominent among the engravers in Hartford who are recognized as especially skilled in their calling is Mr. Hugo Reuss, who occupies small but well-arranged quarters in Hill's Block, No. 333 Main Street, Room 20. Born in Germany, Mr. Reuss wisely determined to find a better field for the remunerative exercise of his skill and genius, came to America and found employment in Hartford at Colt's Armory for five years, after which he started in business for himself, having established his present enterprise six years ago, during which time his talents have gained him a large and influential patronage. Specimens of Mr. Reuss' workmanship show him to be an engraver of the most versatile gifts and accomplished attainments. He seems equally successful in every branch of the business, from the daintiest to the largest and most elaborate plates. Mr. Reuss is a designer and engraver on jewelry and metals of every description, is also prepared to execute orders for die sinking, stamp cutting and patterns for casting, and makes a specialty of new designs, which are particularly artistic and original. Mr. Reuss guarantees first-class work in every instance, while his charges for the same are very reasonable, and prompt attention is given to all orders, whether large or small.

ADAMS GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS, Established 1838; Monuments and Gravestones of Red Swede, Westerly, Barre and Quincy Granites and Marble at lowest prices and of the best material; Corner Pearl and Ford Streets, opposite the Park.—There are certain articles of commerce which are less subject to fluctuation in price than most other commodities, and many people are therefore led to believe that it is unnecessary to

exercise care in the selection of a dealer, on the assumption that prices are as low in one place as in another. Among such articles are granite and marble. While it may be true that the prices of the various dealers in this line may deviate but little, there are other considerations to influence buyers, of as great if not greater importance; namely, promptness in the execution of orders and reliability as to quality. When the stone is manufactured into monumental or decorative articles it becomes the more necessary to put your orders in the hands of a concern upon whom you can implicitly rely and trust, and, as here cost largely enters into consideration, one whose prices are reasonable and whose work is first-class—everything guaranteed. The Adams Granite Works, the old reliable, are kept busy constantly with their increasing business. This concern has fine quarters on the corner of Pearl and Ford Streets, and fitted to handle all grades of work, such as granite, marble, etc. The members of this company devote all their time and energy to this business, and from appearance of things around their establishment one can easily imagine they are prepared to execute the finest grades of work, and can do it at close margins. For the past fifty-six years this house has been doing business in Hartford, the original proprietor and owner being Thomas Adams. The present quarters are in the old wooden building corner of Pearl and Ford Streets, opposite the Park and Young Men's Christian Association Building, where there are many assistants to look after the wants of its patrons. All orders receive the earliest attention, satisfactory work being guaranteed in every instance by this old reliable house of fifty-six years' standing.

EDWARD E. CLAUSSEN, M. E., Engineer and Expert, No. 370 Asylum Street.—The entire basis of our civilization rests upon the marvelous development of mechanical appliances during the past century or two. Education and refinement on the extensive scale now enjoyed would be impossible without the wealth-producing power of these myriad-handed help-meets which men have devised. In the economy of our industrial life the mechanical and consulting engineer therefore occupies a most important place which had hardly a parallel in earlier times. Among the best-known local experts in this department Mr. Edward E. Claussen, of No. 370 Asylum Street, has taken established rank. His office was opened at this point in 1889. He has enjoyed the most thorough technical training as well as long and practical experience in the various lines comprehended by the term "mechanical engineer." His office is modernly equipped and contains every facility for the prompt and thorough handling of work in this line. Mr. Claussen makes a specialty of executing designs of machinery and of patent drawings for inventors and exhibitors. His success at this branch has been most marked and widely attested. The importance of having work of this sort most artistically executed will be evident to all having the slightest acquaintance with the nature of the requirements, and the best modern service at unexcelled terms is assured by consultation with Mr. Claussen and employment of his carefully perfected facilities.

BILL BROTHERS, Carmen and General Forwarders, Office, No. 46 Ann Street.—Expedition and economy of time are leading characteristics of modern business, and are in very large measure responsible for the immense progress made in all lines of commerce. A leading firm in its department, and one which for many years has furnished valuable service to the business interests of the city, is that of Messrs. Bill Brothers, whose office is at No. 46 Ann Street. The business has been established since 1850, and under capable and energetic management from the first. The two members of the firm, Francis P. & Fred. R. Bill, are thoroughly experienced and well-known business men, whose ability in handling their large and important business is universally recognized. Their office and warehouse premises cover six floors, 46x80 feet in dimensions, and they employ on an average thirty experienced men. They have a full equipment of heavy and light freight wagons, express teams, derricks, and a complete line of apparatus for moving safes and heavy machinery. Their business requires the constant use of thirty-six horses. Freight and baggage are delivered to and from cars or boat or any part of the city. Special attention also given to moving furniture, pianos, safes, machinery and heavy freight of all kinds. The most careful and reliable handling is guaranteed, while the rates are no higher than those often paid for inferior service. The firm also carry special lines of fireproof safes, by leading manufacturers, and at bottom prices. Both new and second-hand safes for every business purpose constantly kept in stock. A very important feature is the new "Storage Warehouse," comprising "Loomis' Block," at 46 and 48 Ann Street. It covers over 22,000 square feet of floor space, is provided with elevators and every modern equipment. Separate apartments are furnished at moderate figures, and the best storage facilities afforded anywhere in this section for general merchandise, furniture, baggage, pianos, stoves, etc. In every department of business handled by this firm the very best modern service can be relied upon at all times.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE, Opposite Allyn House, No. 165 Asylum Street; G. F. Johnson, Proprietor.—The large and varied commercial and manufacturing interests of Hartford naturally attract a large floating population to the city, and as a result the demand for comfortable and convenient hotel accommodations is constantly on the increase. Among the excellent hotels located here none enjoys a higher or more justly merited reputation, in respect to the conveniences it presents, than the Commercial House. It is located at No. 165 Asylum Street, in close proximity to the business heart of the city, and but two minutes' walk from the railroad depot, with which frequent communication is also had by horse-cars passing the door. It is indeed a "good home for commercial men," as the proprietor, Mr. C. F. Johnson, announces, there being none better in the city. It is not a large house, the number of sleeping-rooms being limited to twenty-two, but there are the best accommodations to be had here—excellent sample-rooms, superior

service, the best that is to be had in the way of well-cooked and well-served food; in fact, everything that could be desired by the most exacting guest. The Commercial House has been under Mr. Johnson's management since 1886. He is a hotel-man of long experience, and well knows how to provide for and maintain the comfort of his guests.

L. R. GANS, Dealer in Groceries and Meats, Corner of Capen and Clark Streets.—Among the various dealers in food supplies doing business in this city Mr. L. R. Gans should be given prominent mention, for he is very successful in catering to all classes of trade, and makes it an invariable rule to sell goods strictly on their merits, being convinced that such a policy is for his own interests as well as for those of his patrons. Judging from the present extent and the steadily increasing magnitude of his trade, his methods are appreciated by the residents of this section, and it is certainly pleasant to note a success won by the employment of such a legitimate and liberal policy. Mr. Gans' store is located at the corner of Capen and Clark Streets, it being a small, one-story building, 768 square feet in area, which was built by him especially for his business, and contains a choice stock of groceries and meats, the assortment being so varied that all purses as well as all tastes can easily be suited, while the proprietor is prepared to supply these very desirable articles in any quantity that may be ordered. An intelligent and courteous assistant is employed, and every customer assured immediate attention. Mr. Gans is a native of Hartford, and is fast gaining a high rank among our most reliable and energetic business men.

H. E. PATTEN, Dye Works; Carpet-Beating and Cleansing Establishment; Office and Works, No. 37 Wells Street.—These well-known and successful dye works were established by Mr. Patten in 1855, and handle a business second to none in the State of its kind. The facilities and equipment of the plant have been carefully perfected for many years and are modern in every respect. The standard of workmanship is equal to the best, the house guaranteeing superior results at a very moderate cost. Only the finest dye-stuffs are used, and such as long experience has demonstrated to be perfectly reliable. Every kind of garment fabric and wearing apparel can be changed in color and handsomely renovated, special attention being given to fine and delicate goods. Lace curtains, draperies and upholstery furnishings thoroughly cleaned and dyed, and feathers carefully renovated. Much money otherwise spent on new material and work can be saved by employing a little judgment. The facilities have also been completely equipped for carpet-beating and laying of the same at the best figures in the city. Prompt, thorough and reliable service can always be secured at these well-known works. Both express and mail orders receive careful attention and good work is guaranteed. Our readers will consult their own interests by dealing with this old and reliable establishment, as this is a department of work where it always pays to get the best.

STEPHEN GOODRICH & CO. (Curtis P. Gladding), Druggists and Pharmacists and Dealers in Surgical Instruments and Physicians' Supplies, No. 605 Main Street.—When having physicians' prescriptions compounded it is important to patronize an establishment where the stock of drugs and medicines is not only complete, but is so frequently renewed as always to be made up of fresh and well-selected articles, and for this reason, if no other, it is well worth while to entrust the compounding of prescriptions to Messrs. Stephen Goodrich & Co. at No. 605 Main Street. They are druggists and pharmacists and dealers in surgical instruments, trusses, supporters, shoulder braces, elastic stockings and crutches, and carry on operations on so large a scale that the process of renewing their assortment of drugs, etc., is constantly going on. Every facility is at hand for the filling of such orders without delay and in the most accurate manner, while the charges made are uniformly moderate. This business was founded about forty years ago by Mr. S. G. Moses. He was succeeded by S. G. Moses & Co., the Co. being Mr. Stephen Goodrich. It was then changed to Goodrich & Rapelye; then to S. Goodrich & Co. This firm dissolved and the firm of S. Goodrich & Co. was reorganized, the members being Messrs. S. Goodrich and C. P. Gladding. On the death of Mr. S. Goodrich, one year ago, the business came under the entire management of the junior partner, Mr. Gladding, who has retained the same firm name in the interests of the family. Mr. Gladding is a native of Centre Brook, Conn., and is Vice-President of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association. He employs four capable clerks and utilizes premises 25 x 90 feet in dimensions with a basement the same size. The business is principally retail, although some jobbing is done. A specialty is made of physicians' supplies, of which he carries a very large stock.

DANIEL E. GREENE, Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Worker; Plumbing and Gas-fitting; No. 4 Ford Street.—Mr. Daniel E. Greene does a very extensive business, and it is not at all surprising that he does, for the people of Hartford know that the best is most emphatically the cheapest when placing orders for tin, copper and sheet-iron work, etc., and they know that work done by Mr. Greene is sure to be done not only thoroughly and skillfully, but in accordance with the latest approved scientific methods. Another thing that makes this shop popular is the fact that all orders, whether large or small, are assured prompt attention. Mr. Greene is also prepared to repair and paint roofs, repair ranges and stoves, and to do general jobbing at fair prices. A specialty is made of furnace work, and plumbing and gas-fitting will be done in a satisfactory manner. Very spacious and well-equipped premises, located at No. 4 Ford Street, are occupied, which measure 20 x 60 feet in size, and employment is given to six competent assistants. Mr. Greene is a native of Hartford, and established his present business in 1892. He is very well known throughout the city, and thoroughly understands the many details of his business. His motto is "Good work at a fair price," and he desires all to give him a call and be convinced.

ROSSELL FOWLER, Grocer, No. 5 Ford Street.—This business has been established many years, the present proprietor succeeding Mr. Pease in 1893. Appreciating the need for a store where dependable groceries could be bought at the lowest market rates, Mr. Fowler made a cash business of the enterprise upon assuming control. His store is located at No. 5 Ford Street. As all housekeepers well know without being told that the only way to get full value for their money is to pay cash for their goods, they will certainly appreciate this establishment. All the goods are fresh and new, and Mr. Fowler particularly calls the attention of the residents of Hartford to the fine grades of teas, coffees and spices which he constantly carries in stock. The premises utilized are conveniently located, and all customers are waited upon promptly and intelligently. Mr. Fowler's object is to please the public, and he only asks a trial of the facilities he offers, feeling that that will be sufficient to prove what he claims is the truth; namely, that buying for cash has a most important bearing on the cost of living. He caters especially to family trade, and spares no pains to furnish goods that will satisfy the most fastidious.

SILAS CHAPMAN, Jr., Insurance Agent, No. 55 Trumbull Street; also, Licensed Broker to procure Insurance in Companies not admitted into Connecticut.—The advantages of fire insurance have attained such general recognition that the question at the present time is not, "Shall I insure?" but rather, "Where shall I place my insurance?" This is also rapidly becoming true of life insurance as well, for ten men have their lives insured to-day where but one did a score of years ago. There seems to be no question but that the insurance of the future will be placed exclusively through agents, or at least very nearly so, for a larger proportion is placed in this way every year, and the practice entails so many solid advantages that it is bound to continue to grow in popularity. Every agency which has been in operation a year or more must have some sort of a local reputation, which will naturally aid the public in deciding whether it is best to patronize it or not; and here is one powerful reason for the popularity noted, for it is much easier to investigate the standing of a local agency than to look up the records of several far-away insurance companies, and it goes without saying that agents who have a high reputation for promptness and reliability will represent none but first-class companies. We doubt if a better-known insurance agent than Mr. Silas Chapman, Jr., can be found in this country, and we are positive that not one has a more enviable record to refer inquirers to. This enterprise was founded by Mr. B. R. Allen many years ago, he being succeeded in 1892 by the present proprietor. He is a native of this town and very well known, being a prominent Mason (32-degree), Clerk of First Baptist Society since 1873, a Director in Charter Oak Bank, also in the Billings & Spencer Manufacturing Co. and Talland & Middlesex Co., also Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Chapman's office is at No. 55 Trumbull Street, and he is local agent for Hartford and Orient Companies, Firemen's Fund of San Francisco, and licensed broker to procure insurance in companies not admitted into Connecticut. Six clerks are kept busy all the time.

J. R. BARLOW, Dealer in Books, Stationery, Magazines, Newspapers, Fancy Goods, Etc., No. 232 Asylum Street.—Millions of capital and thousands of men are employed in the collection of news, but the liberality and enterprise displayed in this most important department of the newspaper business would be of but little practical use were they not supplemented by equal enterprise and liberality in the distributing department, for it would obviously be of no avail to get news into type at the earliest possible moment if long delay was inevitable before the papers could be distributed among their hundreds of thousands of readers. Mr. J. R. Barlow does much to enable Hartford readers to get their favorite journals as soon as possible after publication, for he does a very extensive news business and offers a service unsurpassed for promptness and reliability. The premises occupied are located at No. 232 Asylum Street and comprise two floors 25 by 40 feet in size, giving ample room for the carrying of a large and varied stock of books, stationery, magazines, newspapers, fancy goods, etc. Mr. Barlow began operations in 1880, and his policy from the first has been to spare no pains to satisfy every reasonable customer, and the success thus far attained is but the legitimate result of hard and intelligent work. All the leading papers and magazines are always well represented in his stock, while the prices are always reasonable, and two competent clerks are employed.

THE SIGOURNEY TOOL COMPANY, No. 9 Sigourney Street.—The visitor to "Machinery Hall" at the great Exposition of 1893 could realize the fact that the immense reach of modern mechanical triumphs is hardly to be comprehended save by the specially trained and expert intelligence. Columbus' discovery of America would have made nothing like the difference it has to men had it not been for the great mechanical discoveries making possible the utilization of the marvelous resources of the New World. Among the representative New England companies which have been widely influential in this great sphere of modern activity the Sigourney Tool Company, of Hartford, has long held a recognized place. Under the progressive management of well-known Hartford business men it has made its goods a very important factor in the progress of American machinery and trade leaders in all parts of the world. The manufacturing plant, with office, at No. 9 Sigourney Street, consists of two large brick buildings—one 75 x 146 feet, the other 67 x 129 feet in dimensions, and fitted up with one of the most complete and thoroughly modern machine equipments in the country. The engine has a capacity of 40-horse power and the boiler of 50-horse power. The working corps of the plant averages seventy-five men. The great specialty for the manufacture of which this company has become a recognized New England centre is that of *interchangeable machinery*. There is no feature of modern work and invention in this department which has not been adopted and very carefully improved. The company have special facilities which enable them to execute a superior grade of work at very low figures. They also manufacture drill-presses, automatic gear-cutters, typewriters, book-sewing machinery, electrical goods, dies,

punches, drill-jigs and general machinists' tools of highest grade. Special designs in all kinds of machines and tools are made to order at the lowest rates. The very best degree of service and reliability is assured with this established and successful company. The officers are as follows: G. Wells Root, President; Erastus S. Root, Treasurer; F. D. Taylor, Secretary. These gentlemen are well-known business men of Hartford who have been engaged in active business here for many years, and stand for what is best and most progressive in their department of New England trade. The business extends throughout the United States, also to England, Canada and many other foreign points.

E. M. PALMER, Commission Dealer, Groceries, Meat, Fish, Notions, Hardware, Etc., Nos. 124 & 130 Albany Avenue.—What people want nowadays is solid reliable merit in goods. A select and first-class trade can only be built up on the basis of goods which stand through everyday tests and prove by long use to consist of the purest and freshest ingredients. This commercial fact is true of the grocery trade above others, and nowhere in this section more forcibly illustrated than by the valuable trade so quickly built up by Mr. E. M. Palmer. His trade is strictly retail, and his stock includes groceries, meat, fish, notions, hardware, etc. A large and finely equipped store is occupied at Nos. 124 and 130 Albany Avenue, the same being 50 x 50 feet in dimensions, and completely stocked at all times. Business was established by Mr. Palmer about a year ago, occupying at that time but one store; at the end of six months his trade had so rapidly increased that he was obliged to take in the adjoining store, and he now occupies an entire floor. Five skilled assistants are on hand to wait upon customers and orders are filled promptly.

P. GARVAN, Dealer in Paper and Paper Stock.—The manufacture of paper is one of the most important in the entire range of New England enterprise, and the stock bearing the mark of the best New England manufacturers is successfully sold in all parts of the world. One of the largest and best-known houses of Connecticut in this line is that conducted by Mr. P. Garvan, of Hartford. His business has been in successful operation here since 1864, and under the most energetic management has taken a very prominent place in the New England trade. His jobbing business extends throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The large modern store is four stories high and 50 x 100 feet in ground dimensions. A very extensive line of high-grade papers and paper stock is carried here by Mr. Garvan, and is one representative of all the best American mills. He also is interested in a large paper mill at Versailles, with a capacity of ten tons daily. In the extent of his stock and range of liberal prices, there is no question but that Mr. Garvan can afford his patrons advantages not equalled this side of New York, and some of them not even there. Mr. Garvan is a resident of East Hartford, and as a representative citizen he holds a well-earned and honorable position among Hartford's leading men.



WADSWORTH ATHENEUM.

WEBSTER & BURNES, Carriage Repairing, &c., No.

187½ Main Street.—A few hints on the care of carriages and vehicles of every description would prove invaluable to many owners, for there is no class of property that better repays the care devoted to it, or that sooner succumbs to neglect. In spite of the best treatment, however, the time must come when some part will have outlived its usefulness and must be replaced, and the sooner such work is done the less becomes the danger that the entire vehicle will be made useless. The loss of a bolt or screw, the weakening of a spring, the starting of a spoke, may be the beginning of serious damage, unless immediate attention is given to the damaged part. In such cases, or in any repair work of whatever character, the job should be entrusted to none but the most skilled and experienced workmen, or it may prove doubly expensive in the end. A firm whose claims to recognition in the department of carriage and wagon repairs are founded upon the longest and best experience are Messrs. Webster & Burnes, of No. 187½ Main Street. They are both thoroughly practical men, and since the inauguration of their enterprise in 1890 have more than proved their efficiency and the reliability of their work. They have a finely equipped shop and every facility for doing repairs, painting or retrimming, &c., at shortest notice and in the most workmanlike manner, while their charges are very low.

HOTEL CAPITOL, Main Street and Capitol Avenue.—

One of the finest hotels in Hartford is the Hotel Capitol, situated at the corner of Main Street and Capitol Avenue. Its substantial appearance and air of comfort impress the stranger most favorably at the first glance, and it may be said in passing that this impression becomes a fixed opinion before the guest has been long in the house. It is the favorite stopping-place of all prominent visitors to the State's capital, of whom it may well be inferred there is a large number at all times, and it enjoys the largest and best class of patronage of any hotel in the city. Its proximity to the business heart of the city and its easy access to the Union Depot and all places of importance or prominence in Hartford make it the hotel *par excellence* for the general traveling public, and particularly that large and influential portion of it, the commercial travellers. For the convenience of the latter the Hotel Capitol presents every facility, and it is with them a most popular house. As a family hotel it offers the greatest advantage, combining the comforts of a home with the larger conveniences that are to be found nowhere else. The Hotel Capitol was first opened in 1875, and under the management of its proprietor, Mr. A. E. Holcomb, its fame has been widely spread. It is a particularly favorite hostelry with the theatrical profession, for whose accommodation the best arrangements are provided and special rates made. The Hotel Capitol is thoroughly modern in all its appointments. Every improvement contributing to the comfort and convenience of guests has been introduced, including steam-heat in every room, electric lights and bells, a large passenger elevator, etc. There is an office of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the premises. Rooms may be had *en suite*, if desired, with or without bath. The rates are most reasonable.

PIERCE'S STEAM LAUNDRY AND CARPET-CLEANING WORKS, Nos. 540, 542 and 544 Main Street.—

Among the many and varied industries which give employment to many of our people is the laundry business, and prominent in that business in Hartford is Pierce's Steam Laundry, conducted by Mrs. M. E. Pierce at Nos. 540, 542 and 544 Main Street. This establishment was founded about eight years ago by Mr. W. E. Pierce, and, during his absence from town, is now being ably conducted by his wife. The premises utilized comprise a brick building two stories in height and 40 x 60 feet in dimensions. Employment is given to twenty-one capable assistants, and work is called for and delivered free. The prices will be found as low as any in the city, and satisfaction will be guaranteed in every instance. Carpet cleaning is also done at short notice and in a thoroughly first-class manner. The carpet-cleaning department is upstairs, while the laundry occupies the ground floor, and the basement is used for the boilers, washers, etc. A specialty is made of hotel work, which is executed promptly and at reasonable prices. This laundry has several agencies throughout this section, one being on South Main Street and three in East Hartford. Every department is systematically arranged, and the utmost care is taken in assorting and returning the clothes so that none shall be lost or miscarried.

AMERICAN CYCLE REPAIR CO., Cycle Repairing

and Builders of Special Wheels; Enameling and Nickeling a Specialty; Lawn-Mower Repairing and Sharpening; Key Fitting, Gun, and all kinds of light work solicited; Estimates made on all Bicycle Work.—No one looking at the clumsy velocipedes of a quarter of a century ago could possibly have imagined their evolution into the graceful, light and easy-working bicycles of the present day, and who can tell what further developments are possible in this direction. Coming from the field of conjecture to the solid plane of fact, it may be said that the average wheelman is less concerned with what the future may produce than with the possibilities of the present. These include not only the obtaining of bicycles that answer every present requirement, but the very important matter of repairs, and in this connection they will learn with satisfaction that there is in Hartford a concern which makes a specialty of this branch. Most of our readers are already familiar with the facilities and capabilities of the American Cycle Repair Company in the repairing of bicycles, and are also aware that this company have a high reputation as builders of special wheels. The firm consists of Messrs. E. L. Wheeler and J. H. Beech, both of whom are natives of the State, and have been identified with the business of Hartford for the past quarter of a century. Their present enterprise was started three years ago, and has been a decided success from the beginning. Every description of repairing is done in a thorough manner at their well-equipped shops, a specialty being made of nickeling and enameling. They are also practical lock and gunsmiths, and do all manner of light machinist work, including lawn-mower repairing and sharpening. They are prepared to make estimates on all bicycle work, and execute orders at short notice.

K. NUSSBAUM, Dealer in Choice Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Sausages, Game, Vegetables, Etc., No. 150 Main Street.—Such of our readers as are fond of good living, and wish to know where to purchase good food supplies to the best advantage, should make an early call at the establishment conducted by Mr. K. Nussbaum at No. 150 Main Street, for this gentleman carries one of the most carefully selected stocks to be found in this section of the city, and whether you want meats or vegetables he is prepared to furnish first-class goods at the lowest market rates. Mr. Nussbaum is a native of Germany, and has been in business in Hartford for fifteen years. The store is 25 x 55 feet in dimensions, and no room is wasted, for each department of the stock on hand is kept well supplied, and as a consequence all orders can be promptly filled. Choice beef, mutton, lamb, sausages, game and vegetables may be bought here in any desired quantity at bottom prices, and choice cuts are made a specialty, Mr. Nussbaum being prepared to suit the most fastidious customers. Employment is given to five experienced assistants, and two wagons are utilized for the delivery of goods. Customers are assured polite attention, and all goods may be depended upon to prove as represented.

ANDREWS & PECK, Manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Doors, Windows and Blinds, and Akron Sewer Pipe, No. 88 Market Street.—A progressive firm which has taken a leading place in its department of local and State trade for the past ten years is that of Messrs. Andrews & Peck, manufacturers, wholesale and retail dealers in doors, windows, blinds and general builders' materials. They were established in 1884, and have continued under the same management without change. At their warehouse and storage premises at No. 88 Market Street, covering 20,000 square feet of floor space, they carry a heavy and first-class stock, which has few equals in Connecticut either in extent, high standard or price. Their leading specialties are finished doors, windows and blinds in a great variety of styles and sizes. They also do a very large business in the Akron Sewer Pipe, which has shown its superior value for service by practical use throughout the country. Mr. Peck, of the firm, is interested in a leading Western plant, employing seventy-five to one hundred men, and manufacturing 80,000 doors per annum. He is also interested in a large lumbering business at Waterbury, Connecticut. The firm enjoys very wide and first-class trade connections. At the Hartford plant they employ from twenty-five to thirty men and handle a trade reaching to all parts of the State and New England. Their facilities in the special departments mentioned are unrivaled in this section, and this is evidenced by the manner in which each year the firm steadily distance competition in their lines. Their prices are uniformly low and reliable. They handle the very best class of goods on the market, in both hard and soft woods, and the styles carried are adapted for every sort of building from the humblest to the largest. When in search of the best at good bargain prices, the contractor and dealer will do well to make a careful examination of the stock of this leading and successful house.

DAVID LOW, Merchant Tailor; Scotch and English Woolens a Specialty; No. 60 Asylum Street.—The art of tailoring has reached a high state of development in this country, the best intelligence and skill being directed toward bringing it to the point of greatest perfection. At the same time healthy rivalry and competition have brought the prices of even the best work down to such low figures that there are few men nowadays who may not avail themselves of the advantages presented by wearing custom-made clothing. Such leading merchant tailors as Mr. David Low are prepared to execute the best and most satisfactory work at the most moderate prices, and those who are numbered among the customers of this gentleman speak in words of highest praise of the quality of workmanship and material he puts into his garments. Mr. Low is one of the oldest-established merchant tailors in Hartford, and has occupied his present excellent location at No. 60 Asylum Street for the past fifteen years. He presents an unusually fine stock of Scotch and English woolens, and also carries a superior line of domestic fabrics, allowing customers a wide range of choice. His office, show and work rooms occupy a floor at the above address, the space utilized being 20 x 50 feet in extent.

HARTFORD CARPET COMPANY, No. 10 Market Street.—Since the establishment of carpet making in America, this well-known and representative New England Company has maintained a position at the very front of the American trade. The business was incorporated in 1854, succeeding to the firm of the Thompsonville Carpet Manufacturing Company, which reached back to 1828. The mills of the company are located at Thompsonville, Connecticut, and give employment to more than 1,600 people. The capital of the company is \$1,500,000. There are only two plants in the country which have a larger annual output, and not one whose goods enjoy a higher or more universal repute for excellence and reliability. The standard lines manufactured are wiltons, moquettes, berlins, body-brussels, imperial, 3-plys and extra supers. The goods are noted for their superior material and close-woven texture, which give them exceptional durability. Many novel and attractive designs are constantly being introduced by the company, who employ special artists for this purpose. The prices also are scaled down to a basis in accord with the times, and represent unusually high quality for the figure charged. There should be no need for resort to cheap goods while the lines made by this leading Company can be obtained at such liberal figures. The officers are as follows: John L. Houston, Secretary and Treasurer; Henry Keney, Vice-President; George Roberts, Secretary. Directors: Henry Keney, J. B. Bunce, Roland Mather, John L. Houston, C. M. Beach, J. J. Goodwin, George Roberts. The General Sales Agents are Messrs. Reune, Martin & Sons, Nos. 114-116 Worth Street, New York. The product of the Hartford Carpet Company's mills is handled by leading stores in all sections of the United States and Canada. Our readers will find it to great advantage when purchasing goods in this department to make careful inspection of the superior grades made by this old and leading house.

FRED. C. CLAPP, Plumbing, Steam and Hot-Water Heating; Agent for Le Bosquet Bros.' Steam Heaters; No. 24 Church Street.—Practically all dwelling-houses of the better class, as well as all factories, stores and public buildings in general, constructed nowadays, are equipped with steam-heating apparatus, as this affords by far the most economical and manageable method of supplying artificial heat; but it sometimes happens that the efficiency of the plant is seriously interfered with by its being improperly set up, and, therefore, it is well to entrust such work only to those who make a specialty of it, and are known to be skillful and reliable. Mr. Fred. C. Clapp has an unsurpassed reputation in this respect, and has all necessary facilities to enable him to fill orders promptly and satisfactorily at moderate rates. This business was established about twenty years ago by the father of the present proprietor, Mr. F. C. Clapp assuming full control of affairs at the time of his father's death, which occurred in 1892. He is a practical plumber, steam and hot-water fitter, and is agent for Le Bosquet Bros.' steam-heaters. Mr. Clapp occupies premises at No. 24 Church Street, where he has every facility at hand to enable him to fill all orders promptly. He is well known throughout Hartford, having fitted up many first-class buildings in the city. Mr. Clapp is thoroughly conversant with his business in every detail, and warrants that all orders entrusted to him will be executed to the satisfaction of the most critical.

THE MATHER ELECTRIC CO. (Chas. N. Knox, Agent), No. 210 Pearl Street.—It is hard to realize that the electric light was commercially unknown in this country a decade ago, but such is the fact, for the practical utilization of the electric light in America dated from the Mechanics Fair, held in Boston, September, 1881. Some few stores and factories had used the light before that time, but it was the exhibit then made by several "Electric Companies" that called the attention of the public to the many advantages of the new illuminant. Many important improvements have since been made; and electricity is now so generally utilized for lighting purposes that few towns or cities making any pretensions to enterprise are content to dispense with an electric plant. The residents of Hartford are evidently aware of the convenience of a well-equipped lighting system, for Mr. Chas. N. Knox, the electric contractor, has been established in this city since 1884, and is the sole agent in Hartford for "The Mather Electric Co.," and makes a specialty of installing isolated electric lights of the most improved type, every precaution being taken to ensure absolute safety under the most adverse conditions, and the result is that patrons are supplied with the safest, most pleasant, most easily managed and most healthful light that science has thus far produced. It is a fact that general business has increased in every town and city whose stores are lighted by electricity, and there is no doubt but that Hartford's establishments have become more attractive, and consequently more popular, since the introduction of the new illuminant. The light is furnished at very reasonable rates, and no store or hotel keeper can afford to dispense with the advantages gained by its use, for besides its convenience it affords one of the

most effective forms of advertisement yet devised. Mr. Knox is a native of Manchester, Connecticut, and well known in Hartford, where he occupies premises at No. 210 Pearl Street. He employs able assistants and is working hard to develop his resources and to increase his facilities, and every public-spirited citizen is directly interested in the success of the enterprise with which he is identified.

WEBB & SHEDD, Carmen; Office, No. 71 Asylum Street.—In very many lines of business the amount of trucking to be done is hardly large enough to warrant the maintenance of a team and driver, yet it is imperatively necessary that the merchant or manufacturer should always have at command the services of a carman who can be relied upon to promptly and efficiently execute work in this department. Among those who make a specialty of this class of work, as well as trucking of all kinds, light or heavy, we know of none more worthy of confidence than the firm of Messrs. Webb & Shedd. It is one of the oldest-established businesses in this line, having been founded in 1859 by Messrs. Webb Bros., who were succeeded by the present firm in 1881. Messrs. Webb & Shedd have eight teams and employ eight men, their exceptional facilities enabling them to do all kinds of trucking at the shortest notice and in a manner calculated to give the highest satisfaction to their patrons. Their services are always in demand, and their reputation as careful, painstaking carmen is scarcely approached by that of any other firm or individual engaged in the same line of business. The firm, which consists of Mr. Myron Webb and Mr. J. N. Shedd, has its office at No. 71 Asylum Street, and is ready at all times to execute orders promptly and in the most thorough manner.

J. S. ALDERMAN, Dealer in Groceries, Meats and Provisions, No. 954 Main Street.—The establishment carried on by the well-known gentleman whose card we print above is a noteworthy one in many respects, and is so managed as to make it one of the most popular enterprises of the kind in this vicinity. Business was begun eight years ago by the present proprietor, Mr. J. S. Alderman, building the premises he now occupies, located at No. 954 Main Street, and moving into them about two years ago. This gentleman spares no pains in improving the efficiency of his service, and as a consequence not only carries on one of the most liberally-managed establishments in this section of Hartford, but is constantly adding to the claim he already has on the patronage and cordial support of the public. Employment is afforded to two competent and polite assistants, and orders are filled promptly and satisfactorily in every instance. First-class groceries, choice meats and provisions of all kinds are kept constantly on hand at prices as low as can be found anywhere. A fine corner store is utilized with a basement, the former being 22 by 45 feet in size; and, as Mr. Alderman carries on almost entirely a cash business, he is enabled to quote the very lowest prices to his many customers.

STRICKLAND & SHEA, Scroll Sawing, Turning, Carving, Ornamental Woodwork; Every Description of Moulding on Hand or Made to Order; Church Work and Mantels a Specialty; Jobbing and Repairing; No. 20 Potter Street.—The history of wood-carving and turning-work reaches back to the very earliest days of human industry. It has always occupied an important place since men first left their aboriginal tents, and still to-day flourishes among the most valuable and useful of the practical arts. The well-known firm of Messrs. Strickland & Shea has for the past two decades been the representative and leader in this field of local industry. Established in 1875, they have made steady and solid progress without change in management since that time. They occupy a thorough modern establishment, comprising two floors, 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, and employ an average corps of twenty experienced workmen. They have a large and model equipment of new machinery, operated by an engine of twenty-horse power. In range of facilities, high standard of work and attractive prices quoted, they hold the very first position in the trade of this city and section. Scroll sawing, turning, carving and ornamental woodwork of every sort are executed promptly to order in the most artistic and modern styles. They carry a general stock of mouldings, unexcelled in character and prices. One of their leading specialties is the making of church fixtures and mantels of all kinds. They have also superior facilities for fine office, bank and general interior hardwood finish work. Estimates furnished at any time, and our readers can rely upon the most thorough satisfaction in dealing with this established and reliable firm.

R. P. KENYON & CO., Manufacturers and Jobbers in Hats, Caps, Furs and Men's Furnishings, Hill's Block, No. 337 Main Street.—It would of course be an excellent thing if all of us had so large an income as to render it entirely unnecessary to practice the close economy which is now the rule rather than the exception; but, as this desirable condition of affairs is out of the question, the next best thing is to manage so as to make our present income go as far as possible. So far as the purchase of hats, caps, furs and men's furnishings is concerned, this may be brought about by placing orders with Messrs. R. P. Kenyon & Co., doing business at No. 337 Main Street, for they carry a large and varied stock of such goods, and quote the very lowest market rates on them at all times. This enterprise was established in 1874 by the present proprietor. The premises occupied are located as above named, and comprise a fine store, 20 x 92 feet in dimensions, with a basement, affording ample room for the display of the heavy stock carried, making the selection both easy and agreeable. Mr. R. P. Kenyon is a native of Plainfield, Conn., and served in the navy about two years and a half as paymaster's clerk. Mr. Kenyon employs from eight to ten polite and experienced clerks, and in the winter, when manufacturing furs, about forty assistants are given employment. He is thoroughly posted as to the details of his business, to which he gives close personal supervision.

J. A. KENNEDY, Dealer in Meats, Groceries and Provisions, No. 47 Albany Avenue.—Among the prominent establishments located in Hartford that conducted by Mr. J. A. Kennedy must be given favorable mention, for the enterprise carried on by this gentleman has gradually but steadily developed, until it now ranks with the important stores of the kind in this locality. An extensive business has been built up, and the establishment has been under the management of its present able proprietor for the past year, although it was founded forty years ago by Mr. John Delany. Mr. Kennedy is a native of Hartford, and is thoroughly conversant with all the details of his business. The premises occupied are well arranged for the business, comprising a store 25 x 35 feet in size. Mr. Kennedy's store is located at No. 47 Albany Avenue, where is carried a large and choice stock of groceries of all kinds, especially adapted to family trade, and which is offered at the lowest market prices; choice meats and provisions are also carried. Employment is given to competent assistants, so that despite the magnitude of the business every order is assured immediate and careful attention. In view of the facts already mentioned, it becomes almost unnecessary to add that Mr. Kennedy is in a position to quote the very lowest prices, and that he does a good business.

E. P. DUNHAM, Agent and Commission Broker, Hartford Trust Co. Building.—In no department of modern business are the services of a trained specialist more essential to success than in that of investment and commission brokerage. It requires thorough acquaintance with a very wide range of interests, and that judgment, only derived by long experience, which can estimate with accuracy all coming developments of the market. The business conducted by Mr. E. P. Dunham, of Hartford, has established its claim to a leading rank in this sphere of local finance and commerce from the unvarying and reliable service which it has rendered for the past three years. Mr. Dunham has had a very wide and thorough business experience. He was formerly in the ice business at Lake Champlain, shipping ice to the Hartford Ice Co., and was also sole proprietor of the Ives & Judd Match Co., the oldest match concern in the United States, with factories at West Cheshire, Conn. Its parlor and sulphur matches, match splints and match machinery enjoy the very highest reputation in this department. The offices now occupied by Mr. Dunham at the Hartford Trust Co. Building are equipped with the most complete modern facilities. The Stock and Produce Boards indicate each business hour of the day the exact prices and quotations at the different centres of the country. Mr. Dunham has a direct private wire to both New York and Chicago, his special correspondents being C. D. Wadsworth, of the New York Stock and Produce Exchanges, and Lewis G. Tewkesbury, of the New York Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade. Stocks, bonds, grain and provisions are bought for cash or carried on margin. It would be extremely illogical for our readers to make unguided experiments in this important but complex sphere of finance when they can enjoy at a nominal rate facilities equal to the best in the country at this reliable brokerage office.

CHARTER OAK CITY SHIRT, No. 336 Asylum Street ;

Geo. H. Reany, Proprietor.—This well-known business, now conducted by Mr. Reany, enjoys several important distinctions, one being the fact that it has been successfully running for nearly half a century (founded in 1850), and another its association with the Charter Oak, for which Connecticut is famous throughout the world. Mr. Reany took charge of the business during the present year, and has maintained its previously high reputation. He was connected also for years with the old firm, and is a thorough expert in every detail of the business. It will, therefore, be a source of gratification to very many of our readers that the old and popular Charter Oak City shirts will continue to be made with the same degree of skill and perfection as hitherto. The business occupies well-equipped premises (25 x 40 feet in dimensions), and a corps of four expert workmen is employed. The trade is both wholesale and retail, extending to all parts of this State and Western Massachusetts. A specialty is made of fine custom-made dress shirts, and the liberal figures at which these are now made deserve the careful attention of every male reader of these lines. So long as it shall remain fashionable for men to wear dress or negligé shirts there can be no question of the success of Mr. Reany's goods, as they furnish a very exceptional degree of satisfaction at a moderate and attractive price.

PATRICK LOUGHMAN, Dealer in Groceries and Pro-

visions, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Canned Goods, Etc., No. 82 Albany Avenue.—A most reliable house, and one specially deserving of mention in this connection as a brilliant example of what push, perseverance and devotion to principle can accomplish in gaining business success, is the store conducted by Mr. Patrick Loughman at No. 82 Albany Avenue. He moved to his present location about one year ago. The stock of fine groceries and provisions carried is sold at most reasonable prices. Mr. Loughman also carries a fine assortment of choice teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, etc., and makes a specialty of choice butter. The premises utilized measure 20 x 45 feet in dimensions, and are well adapted for the business. Mr. Loughman is ably assisted in his business by his wife, and he caters to a very extensive trade. The public are assured of receiving only first-class goods at the lowest market rates. We commend this establishment to our many readers who reside in this section as a most desirable place to trade.

W. F. MAGINN, Merchant Tailor, No. 371 Main Street,

Room 2.—“The very finest work at moderate prices; careful and skillful attention to the filling of orders,”—such is a summarized but correct outline of the policy pursued by the establishment whose card we print above—a policy which has been consistently followed since the founding of the business by Mr. W. F. Maginn about a year ago, and which has naturally resulted in the development of an extensive and very select patronage. The proprietor is a native of Massachusetts, and has lived in Hartford since 1877, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the fine tailoring business—a fact which has an

important bearing upon the uniform superiority of the work produced and the ability of this gentleman to quote comparatively low prices on garments unexceptionable in material, style, fit, trimming and general workmanship. His chambers at No. 371 Main Street, Room 2, are very conveniently fitted up, and one may always find here a choice assortment of the latest novelties in foreign and domestic fabrics for gentlemen's wear, together with the best tailor's trimmings the market affords. Personal attention is given to the cutting of every garment, and perfection of fit and desirability of style may be confidently expected by every customer.

HETZEL & HESS, Marble Works, No. 141 Market Street.

—Good and honest work is always sure to find a market, and so, although it may have seemed, when Messrs. Hetzel & Hess began operations in 1893, as if there was no opening for their productions on account of the numerous competing establishments already founded, a large and growing trade has already been built up. The firm is constituted of Messrs. George M. Hetzel and F. J. Hess. One floor is occupied, 20 x 30 feet in dimensions, and the manufacture of monuments, headstones, grave marks, posts, etc., is carried on at No. 141 Market Street. Both in design and execution it is hard to match the work turned out at this establishment, for the firm have not only exceptional taste in the choice and origination of designs, but have had a practical experience in putting them into shape and form. The best of material is used, and attention is given to the durability of the work as well as to its appearance when new, which is a very important point when the exposure to which stonework is subjected is considered. Orders by mail will be promptly attended to, and special attention is given to lettering, cleaning and resetting, first-class work and reasonable prices being guaranteed. Those wishing any work of this kind should not fail to visit this house and inspect the fine assortment on hand.

BEHNER & NORTON (formerly with Charles King),

Practical Tin, Sheet-Iron and Sheet-Copper Workers; Furnace Work and General Jobbing; No. 530 Main Street.—The enterprise conducted by Messrs. Behner & Norton was founded two years ago. These gentlemen are thoroughly conversant with every detail of their business, and enjoy such favorable relations with manufacturers as to be in a position to give their customers many advantages. They are practical tin, sheet-iron and sheet-copper workers, and also pay particular attention to furnace work and general jobbing. They occupy a store at No. 530 Main Street, which measures 25 x 40 feet in dimensions, utilizing a basement besides of the same size. Employment is given to three experienced assistants, and all orders are promptly attended to in a first-class manner, and at reasonable prices. The firm is composed of Messrs. F. E. Behner and G. W. Norton, both being formerly with Mr. Charles King. Mr. Behner is a native of Hartford and Mr. Norton of Springfield. Both are well-known and highly-respected business men. One of the latest contracts completed was 17,000 sheets of tin-roofing for Colt's Armory.



CITY HALL.

L. PEASE & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Office and School Stationery, Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags, Twine, Etc., Blank Books, Job Printing, 287 Asylum Street.—Of the many stationers of this city, the firm of L. Pease & Co. is among the best known and most highly regarded. It was founded in 1888, and has been under its present management from the first. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 30 x 90 feet in dimensions. Employment is afforded to five assistants, and both a wholesale and retail business is done throughout the State. A very clean and desirable stock of office and school stationery is on hand, comprising all the standard articles in these lines as well as many novelties. Wrapping paper, paper bags, twine, etc., are also extensively dealt in, as well as all kinds of blank books at reasonable prices. Job printing is also carried on in connection with the establishment, and the firm are prepared to fill extensive orders in this line in a first-class manner and at short notice, using first-class stock in every instance, and charging reasonable prices. This store is located at No. 287 Asylum Street, and is largely patronized by the residents of Hartford and vicinity. The proprietors are well and favorably known, and justly deserve the success they have attained, having an intimate knowledge of the business in all its many details that have served them excellently in their intelligent and successful efforts to extend the operations of their house.

DAVID W. BROOKS, Florist; Funeral Work a Specialty; Store, No. 53 Farmington Avenue; Greenhouse, No. 3 Fairfield Avenue; Represented by H. D. Brooks.—The great increase in the demand for flowers of late years is one of the most noticeable indications of the pronounced gain in culture which is so evident on every side, and which is so astonishing to foreign critics of this country, who are unable to understand how culture can be so general in a land where practically every one works for a living and there is no recognized aristocracy. Flowers are now in demand for all occasions, whether for joy or for sorrow, and every one who goes into society at all will find it very useful to know where appropriate floral designs can be obtained without delay at moderate prices. Many residents of Hartford are already acquainted with the establishment of Mr. David W. Brooks, whose office and salesroom is located at No. 53 Farmington Avenue, for this enterprise was started some twenty years ago, and has long held a leading position among other establishments of the kind in this vicinity, and it is but fair to say that the enviable reputation of the undertaking is fully maintained at the present day. Five spacious and well-equipped greenhouses, heated by steam and water, are utilized at No. 3 Fairfield Avenue, cultivating four acres. The greenhouse block is 150 x 110 feet in size, and cut flowers, floral emblems, wedding bouquets, funeral designs, etc. (the latter is a specialty), are offered in great variety and at the lowest prevailing prices, while the facilities are so extensive that the largest orders can be filled at very short notice. Mr. Brooks is a native of New Brunswick, Canada, but very well and favorably known in this city, and the success of his business is due to the just and honest dealings pursued by him since he began operations.

F. W. WHITE, Dealer in Ranges, Stoves and Tinware of all descriptions; also a large variety of Stove Repairs; Tin Roofing and Job Work done in the best manner by experienced workmen; No. 538 Main Street.—One of the articles to which the experienced and careful housekeeper gives the most thought and care in selecting is the stove, especially if it be intended for cooking purposes, for few things are at once so trying to the temper and the pocketbook as is a badly constructed or designed range or cooking stove. It is the poorest possible economy to try to save a few dollars on the purchase price of a stove by choosing one of old style or flimsy construction; for poorly cooked food is neither nutritious nor appetizing, and the laws of health require it to be both if the greatest good is to be attained. The establishment of Mr. F. W. White, which is located at No. 538 Main street, has one of the largest and most desirable stocks of ranges, stoves and tinware of all descriptions in the city, and the prices asked are as low as is frequently quoted on inferior goods elsewhere. The premises occupied are 30x90 feet in size, with a basement. Employment is given a number of skilled assistants. Business was begun in 1840, and has been under Mr. White's control for the past twenty-five years. Orders for tin roofing and job work of all kinds are done in the best manner by experienced workmen. A large variety of stove repairs is carried. Mr. White is a native of Massachusetts, and very widely known.

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H. H. HART, Carriages and Sleighs, Nos. 39-43 Albany Avenue.—The carriage business conducted by the Harts for over sixty years is one of the oldest and most widely-known establishments of its kind in this section of the country, having been founded in 1833 by Mr. S. N. Hart, father of the present proprietor. This house has enjoyed an enviable reputation for building vehicles which for durability, gracefulness of design and fineness of finish have been second to none. Mr. H. Hart, the present proprietor, who succeeded to the business in March, 1891, is a practical carriage man, learning the trade of and being with his father about eight years. He is a particular and painstaking business man, and under his intelligent and experienced direction the business has been successfully conducted for the past three years. The premises occupied on Albany Avenue have a frontage of about 60 feet, and extend back over 100 feet, and three floors are entirely utilized in the business, which gives employment to a large number of mechanics. The several departments are most complete, and are furnished with every appliance and facility for the execution of first-class work. Mr. Hart manufactures anything in the line of carriages, wagons and sleighs, and also handles the work of other makers. An important department of his business is repairing and painting, such work being done in the most thorough and satisfactory manner.

THE TROUT BROOK ICE AND FEED COMPANY,

Offices, No. 278 Asylum Street, Hartford; Farmington Avenue, West Hartford; E. H. Arnold & Son, Proprietors.—In olden days the use of ice in the summer was reserved for kings and high dignitaries, but now it is brought within the reach of all. One of the largest and most successful companies of the entire State engaged in this line is the Trout Brook Ice and Feed Company of Hartford—office, No. 278 Asylum Street, with additional offices and storage plant on Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, also East Hartford and New Hartford. The proprietors are Messrs. E. H. Arnold & Son, the business having been established by them and under their energetic management since 1881. Their storage plant has a capacity for 18,000 tons, and they carry a large stock throughout the year. They ship to different parts of the State on wholesale rates and also maintain a first-class local trade, both wholesale and retail. Their hotel and family trade is the largest and best in the city. Their system of wagon delivery has been carefully perfected, and no pains are spared to insure the most complete and uniform satisfaction to patrons. The rates are the lowest on the market, and the quality of the Trout Brook ice is too well known to need any extended eulogy. An average corps of forty men is employed, with ten delivery wagons. The service is guaranteed regular and exact. The company also handle a good business in feed and grain, carrying a large stock from Western producers of the best grade and at very attractive prices. They also run a large blacksmith shop, and manufacture and repair wagons. Our readers will need but slight attention to convince themselves that they can gain exceptional satisfaction by dealing with this old and reliable company.

GEORGE AVERY, Dealer in Meats, Provisions, Groceries, Etc., No. 614 Capitol Avenue.—The quality of success in American business life is closely associated with all that makes up the finest part of our civilization; for, if we are to enjoy comfortable and satisfactory living, we certainly must have first-class stores. An admirable representative of our American enterprise and progress is the modern store conducted by Mr. George Avery at No. 614 Capitol Avenue, this city. The business has long been a recognized leader in its departments of local trade. The store is situated at a central and commanding point, being the most successful and prominent with the best retail trade of the city. The premises are spacious and handsomely fitted up, comprising two floors, each 40 x 60 feet in dimensions. The stock carried is of the finest and most reliable character. It includes all kinds of choice meats, canned goods and provisions, vegetables, flour, butter, eggs, and a general line of select family groceries. Fish, oysters and poultry are also carried in season. The most careful judgment is applied in the selection of the goods, and to purchase here is a sure equivalent of the very best. The prices are moderate; and, considering the very high degree of satisfaction and thorough reliability secured, this can safely be called the cheapest store in the city. There is no effort to make fancy prices, although the store makes a specialty of carrying nothing but the best, and is well known throughout the city as doing so. The service has been thoroughly perfected so as to secure prompt and careful delivery of all orders. In the long run there is nothing so conducive to good business satisfaction as to trade with a store whose standard and reliability can be perfectly depended upon, and our readers can easily prove this fact by dealing with Mr. George Avery's successful and first-class store.

WALTER STARKIE, Sanitary Plumber and Gas Fitter,

No. 20 Church Street.—It is far better to have no plumbing at all in a house than to have what plumbing there is improperly done, and the same thing may be said concerning gas fitting and electrical apparatus. This is no theory of ours, but has been repeatedly proved by practical experience, so we say to our readers: "Have no plumbing of any kind done unless you can have it done right." Fortunately, there is no trouble in having such work properly done if you reside in Hartford and vicinity, it being necessary only to place the order with Mr. Walter Starkie, doing business at No. 20 Church Street, for he has had many years of varied experience and has unequalled facilities for filling the largest orders at short notice, satisfaction being guaranteed to every customer. Mr. Starkie started in business for himself in 1891. He is a sanitary plumber and gas fitter, also an electrician, and since starting for himself has done work for many large houses, such as the Standard Manufacturing Co. and others, also erected the electric works at Windsor, Conn. Mr. Starkie makes a specialty of remedying defective plumbing and introducing the latest improvements. Jobbing will be promptly attended to, and small and large orders are given equal attention, competent and reliable assistants being constantly employed, and bottom prices being quoted in every instance.



A. L. FOSTER & CO.,

CLOTHIERS AND HATTERS,

Nos. 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 AND 55 ASYLUM STREET.

ONE could scarcely be accused of exaggeration in saying that there is relatively more ability and enterprise employed in the clothing trade than in any other branch of commercial activity. Competition in this field appears to be keener than in any other, and the merchant who makes and holds a commanding position in the clothing trade has need of talents and abilities of a rare order. It may not be generally known that the vast retail clothing trade of New England is largely controlled by a

syndicate embracing the largest experience and ability in this branch of business, which is known as the "Besse Syndicate." This great organization controls and operates twenty-seven stores in the leading cities of the New England States, among which one of the largest is the firm of A. L. Foster & Co. of Hartford, wholesale and retail clothiers and hatters. This house was organized in 1884, and heads the list of establishments controlled by the Besse Syndicate. Its large connections with the trade throughout this section give it unrivaled facilities and advantages in the handling



of a superior line of clothing, hats, etc., at the very lowest prices. Messrs. A. L. Foster & Co. have the largest store of its kind in Hartford, it having a frontage of fifty-six feet and a depth of one hundred and fifteen feet, with a height of ceiling of twenty feet. It is said by gentlemen who have traveled extensively that this is, without exception, the handsomest clothing store in America, which is equivalent to saying that it is the finest in the world. The sheets of plate-glass in their mammoth show windows are said to be the largest in the country, being ten feet wide by fifteen feet in height. Above this are large and handsome panels of beveled plate-glass, presenting one of the handsomest fronts we have ever seen. Messrs. A. L. Foster & Co. not only have a large and elegant store at Nos. 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55 Asylum Street, but they do the largest clothing business

in New England, and carry an immense and unusually fine stock of clothing. They employ an average of twenty-four competent and experienced salesmen, who give courteous and careful attention to the requirements of every caller.

FRAYER & FOSTER, Dealers in Best Qualities of Coal; Office, No. 446 Asylum Street; Yards, Garden and Walnut Streets.—Ever since the introduction of steam and the coincident advance of modern civilization, the coal industry has occupied a place in the maintenance of the race unexcelled by any other. On the quantity and excellence of the coal supply depend not only the management and support of our great commercial and manufacturing enterprises, but also, in reality, the life of the world, for the onward march of progress has swept away the great forests of civilized countries. In the light of these facts, it is easy to perceive the important position which a leading coal house occupies in any community. Such a representative house is that of Messrs. Frayer & Foster of this city, which succeeded in 1886 to the established business of Mr. Frayer, this gentleman having founded it in 1883. The business is distinguished for the superior grades of coal dealt in as well as its prompt delivery, large shipments of coal being constantly received and disposed of to retail consumers at rates unexcelled in moderation. A large force of men is employed in the execution of the business, and a yard of about 2,000 tons capacity, conveniently located near the railroad, is used for storing the extensive and valuable stock. The office is located at No. 446 Asylum Street, where orders are received and promptly filled at short notice. The yards are at Garden and Walnut Streets. We are confident that those who make trial of the dealings and stock of this house will concur in the approbation and appreciation which have attended its efforts, and be sure to return again.

MULCAHY, THE OUTFITTER, the Leading Hartford Clothier and Hatter, Nos. 33 to 41 Asylum Street.—It goes without saying that the most popular and prosperous merchant is he who uses discriminating judgment in the selection of his stock with reference to the requirements of the community to which he caters, and this fact finds no better exemplification than in the clothing and outfitting trade. It is because Mr. Mulcahy has closely observed this leading principle during his long business career that he is to-day one of the most popular clothiers and outfitters in Hartford, and has one of the largest and finest establishments in the city. Mr. Mulcahy began business here in 1876, and few men can point to such a continuously prosperous career as he has enjoyed in the intervening years. He has made it a point to carry a stock that would fully satisfy the requirements of the most exacting buyer, and by invariably naming low prices has made and held custom in the face of the sharpest competition. Straightforward methods and guaranteed transactions could have no other result. Mr. Mulcahy has a fine establishment on Asylum Street, the numbers of the store running from 33 to 41, and giving a width of 51 by a depth of 125 feet. In addition he has a store-room 30x30 feet, while the well-appointed work-room measures 40x30 feet. A large and attractive stock of clothing and men's furnishing goods, hats, shoes and trunks is carried, and a fine class of custom work is done at short notice, an average force of ten hands being employed.

HENRY E. YEOMANS, Livery Stable, No. 51 Farmington Avenue, adjoining Farmington Avenue Hotel; Telephone Call, 146-3.—There is of course a market price for horse-hire as there is for flour, for sugar, or for any other standard commodity, and those who think to obtain teams at from one-third to one-half off the regular rates only deceive themselves, unless, of course, they are in a position to make special contracts, or unless certain circumstances combine to favor them; but still there is such a thing as paying fancy prices for livery service, and those who do this get no better accommodations than those furnished by Mr. Henry E. Yeomans, who makes it a point to quote the lowest market rates and to fully meet all honorable competition, not only as regards prices, but as regards the quality of the turnouts supplied as well. Mr. Yeomans is a native of Connecticut, and began operations here in 1890, having succeeded the former proprietor, who had established this stable many years previously. This livery stable is located at No. 51 Farmington Avenue, adjoining the hotel. Employment is given to six assistants, and there are seventeen horses and five nice hacks, coupés, etc., for livery purposes. An extensive hacking, boarding and livery stable business is also done, fine-appearing carriages and experienced drivers being furnished at short notice and special attention being given to boarders and transients. The stable is of brick, and one of the best ventilated in this State, with healthy surroundings for the horses. There are forty good, airy stalls. All orders are assured prompt and painstaking attention, while telephone connection enables them to be sent without trouble from any point in this vicinity.

THE DAIRY LUNCH ROOM, No. 189 Asylum Street.—The first matter occupying the attention of one who has gained employment in a large city is: "Where can good and palatable meals be had at reasonable prices?" For the average man, boarding at a hotel is out of the question, even if it were desirable to do so, for the better grade of houses are obliged to put their rates so high that one's whole wages would have to go for board if such were occupied, and the cheap hotels, with a few honorable exceptions, possess neither the convenience of a first-class house nor the comforts of a good lodging-house. Therefore, as the subject is of so much importance, we offer no apology for bringing to the favorable attention of our readers the establishment conducted as the "Dairy Lunch Room," and located at No. 189 Asylum Street. This business was established in 1891; and although undertaking what is undoubtedly the hardest possible task, to satisfy regular boarders, we feel justified in stating that the result of their labors have been highly satisfactory to all parties concerned. The premises utilized measure 30x80 feet in dimensions, and employment is given to seven skilled assistants. Meals are served at all hours, while the prices are very reasonable. Tables are reserved for ladies, and, being centrally located, the Dairy Lunch Room is largely patronized. The many articles of food served at this lunch room are all first class, but special attention is given to oysters in every style, waffles, wheat cakes, old-fashioned buckwheat cakes, coffee, tea and chocolate.

L. G. WILEY, Fine Printing at Bottom Prices; All Orders Will Receive Careful and Prompt Attention; No. 156 Pearl Street.—The greatest of all revolutions, that wrought by the introduction of the printing press, not only affects the sphere of ideas, but also every detail of modern business life. The facility and speed with which its great operations are carried on would be impossible without the convenience afforded by the experienced business printer. A leading and first-class house in this department of local business is that conducted by Mr. L. G. Wiley at No. 156 Pearl Street, City. It was established in 1890 by Mr. A. W. Lang, and has been under its present active management since 1892. Mr. L. G. Wiley is a native of Hartford, well and favorably known in both its business and social circles. He has devoted a long period to a thorough mastery of every detail in this line, and is prepared to furnish the very best grade of modern service. The premises occupied at above address comprise three floors, 22 x 50 feet in dimensions. They are equipped with modern presses and the latest improved machinery throughout, the same being operated by electric power. Eight experienced and reliable workmen are regularly employed. Mr. Wiley carries a large stock of printers' and stationery supplies. His materials are uniformly of the best grade, and his special lines of type are of the most artistic and attractive character. All orders receive prompt and careful attention, satisfaction being guaranteed at the very lowest rates which can be obtained anywhere. No matter what line of printing is desired by our readers, they will be sure to obtain the best results at this reliable and progressive establishment.

GEO. D. BARTLETT, Merchant Tailor, No. 25 Asylum Street.—An accepted authority in matters of dress has proclaimed that "material is nothing; fit is everything." While this, like most general statements, is not to be given a too-literal interpretation, the main idea conveyed by it is one that appeals directly to all men who would be well dressed. The finest material cannot be made even presentable when made up unless it has passed through the hands of a skillful cutter and has been fashioned by an expert; while, on the contrary, the poorest fabric may, through such agency, be made attractive and effective. The combination of good material and superior workmanship produces the result which we all desire, and the only way to secure this is to have clothing made by a merchant tailor who is a thorough master of the art sartorial, who employs the best materials, is an artist in designing and cutting, and who has none but finished workmen in his shop. Such a tailor we have no hesitation in saying is Mr. Geo. D. Bartlett of No. 25 Asylum Street, a man who is widely and popularly known, and a merchant of long and high standing. His business was established in 1870, and has grown and prospered as only such enterprises can when intelligence and ability guide their affairs. Mr. Bartlett has one of the finest custom-tailoring establishments in the city, a full floor of 20 x 30 feet in the Post Building being occupied. He employs twelve hands, and each man is a finished workman. Mr. Bartlett always carries a full and well-selected line of the best domestic and foreign wools, giving his customers a wide range of choice. This stock contains the most desirable shapes and the freshest novelties in designs and patterns.



C. H. CASE & CO. (Established 1867), Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry, No. 335 Main Street.—Although one of the most prominent characteristics of the establishment conducted by Messrs. C. H. Case & Co. is its reliability, it would be incorrect to offer this as the explanation of the great popularity the store enjoys, for many other reliable jewelry stores can be found in the city; but the truth of the matter is the public like to do business with a firm that is not only reliable but enterprising; that not only gives full value for money received but gives its patrons an opportunity to choose from the very latest fashionable novelties in all the various lines of goods it handles. Messrs. C. H. Case & Co. carry on a business which was established in 1867, the present firm having had control for the past six years. The partners are Messrs. C. H. Case and M. H. Miller, both natives of Connecticut. Premises located at No. 335 Main Street are occupied, they having an area of over 1,200 square feet and being very completely fitted up. The stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry, etc., is displayed to excellent advantage. Messrs. C. H. Case & Co. are sole agents for the celebrated Patek Philippe watch. Every facility is at hand for the repairing of watches and jewelry in a superior manner, and, as employment is given to seven assistants, orders can be filled without delay. Moderate prices are quoted in every department of the business, and no trouble is spared to thoroughly satisfy every customer. They are also prepared to manufacture jewelry to order in a superior manner. Mr. Case served in the army for four years as a member of the 10th Connecticut and 14th U. S. Infantry. He has also been commander of Putnam Phalanx. Mr. Miller has been associated in the business about five years.

PRESTON BROTHERS, Jobbers and Dealers in Meats, Etc., No. 48 Front Street.—The skill required in the handling and preparing for sale of the best meats is not surpassed in its importance by any other line of trade. This is readily seen when we consider that the health of every member of the community is daily dependent upon the same. A leading and substantial house in this department of Hartford business is that of Messrs. Preston Brothers at No. 48 Front Street this city. They began business in 1881, and have made steady upward progress from that time on. Their facilities have been perfected to meet every demand, and few houses in this line of the entire State handle so successful and large a business at the present time. The store premises occupied consist of two floors 30 by 45 feet. Their refrigerating plant is one of the largest and best in the city, being fitted up in complete modern style. The stock carried includes all lines of fresh meats and provisions, Chicago dressed beef and mutton, poultry, game in season and canned goods. They guarantee reliable quality and lowest current prices. The delivery system has been carefully perfected, and two teams are now kept busily engaged in this department. The firm are large jobbers in these lines, supplying many first-class stores, and also conduct a good family and hotel trade. Their facilities enable them to constantly offer special bargains as well as a uniform first-class service at all times. Since this is a line of trade in which it is wise to take no risk whatever, our readers will do well in trading with a careful and reliable house like that of Preston Brothers.

SAMUEL DAVIS, Merchant Tailor; Clothes Made to Order; No. 110 Trumbull Street.—The idea that economy consists of paying as low a price as possible for everything that is purchased is a very mistaken one, and there are few who have had any experience in buying who entertain it. There are many other things to be taken into consideration besides the first cost, especially in the buying of clothing, for, in the selection of garments, style, neatness and durability should all be provided for. There are some few who can get a good fit in ready-made clothing and are perfectly satisfied with such garments, but the large majority would have their clothing made to order if they thought they could afford it; and we are convinced that more can afford it than now believe they can, as a call at the store of Mr. Samuel Davis will prove. First-class custom clothing can now be obtained at but little more than is asked for dependable ready-made garments, and the superior wearing qualities of the former more than compensate for the slight difference in price. Mr. Davis has carried on his present business since 1892, and should certainly be in a position to satisfy the most critical, both as regards price and workmanship. He carries a fine and varied stock of foreign and domestic fabrics, and a visit to his establishment, No. 110 Trumbull Street, will show that all tastes and ages can be suited. A perfect fit is guaranteed, and every garment is cut in the latest style. Five competent assistants are employed, and all orders are assured immediate and satisfactory attention, and can be delivered at short notice. Mr. Davis is a native of Hartford, and began his present enterprise in 1892.

GEO. H. WEEKS, Jobber of Cigars, Tobacco, Cigarettes and Smokers' Articles, No. 449 Main Street.—No resident of Hartford at all familiar with the town would consider our sketch of its history complete did we not make extended mention of the establishment conducted by Mr. Geo. H. Weeks, which can be found at No. 449 Main Street. The business in question was inaugurated by this gentleman fourteen years ago, and he is a jobber of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes and smokers' articles, and is a manufacturer of the following noted brands of domestic cigars: "The Pilgrim," "Electric," "Yongster" and "Puritan;" also, "G. H. Weeks' Dime Smoke," a fine grade of plug smoking tobacco. Mr. Weeks is a native of Hartford and served in the army during our late war, being a member of the Twenty-second Connecticut Regiment. The premises utilized comprise a fine store 20 x 65 feet in dimensions, employment being given to a number of competent assistants. Mr. Weeks does some retail trade, although he is principally in the jobbing business, carrying a large stock of tobaccos and cigars. His special brands of cigars, on which he has built up such a trade, continue to be in popular demand. "The Princess Nicotine" is Mr. Week's latest brand of cigars, and is giving good satisfaction, being a blend of the finest Havana tobacco grown in the West Indies. "The Princess Nicotine" is recommended to all lovers of a cool, sweet smoke, and will assuredly please them. Mr. Weeks' son, Mr. H. S. Weeks, is the firm's salesman, and has a large growing trade, which is fast extending beyond a local character.

O. D. WOODRUFF & CO., Manufacturing Hatters and Furriers, No. 355 Main Street.—It is an excellent rule to buy direct from the manufacturers whenever possible, and it is not only possible but easy for the residents of Hartford and vicinity to buy hats and furs from the manufacturers, for Messrs O. D. Woodruff & Co. are makers of, as well as dealers in, hats and furs, and their store is so conveniently located at No. 355 Main Street that there is no excuse for not at least investigating the advantages they offer. The business was established seventy years ago, the present proprietor beginning in this store as an employee in 1835; in 1846 the firm of Strong & Woodruff was formed, and they continued the business for about thirty-three years. Mr. Strong retiring, the present firm was formed; Mr. Woodruff's son constituting the company. Since the decease of his son, which occurred about a year ago, Mr. Woodruff, senior, has continued the business alone, without making any change in the firm name. Spacious and well-appointed premises are occupied, and the stock on hand include, not only a carefully chosen assortment of hats, but also furs, etc. Special attention is paid to making fur garments to order, fifteen or twenty skilled assistants being employed in this department. Fur garments will also be repaired and altered, being made over in accordance with the latest styles at short notice. Moderate prices are quoted in every department of the business, and we are confident that those having dealings with this house will have reason to thank us for calling attention to their facilities. The premises occupied consist of a store 25 by 160 feet and a basement 25 by 100 feet in dimensions.



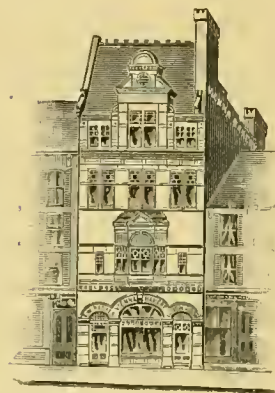
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CHAS. A. BLAKE & CO., Receivers and Shippers; Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Flour, Hay, Straw, Grain, Mill Feed and Salt; Nos. 634 to 638 North Main Street; Local and Long-Distance Telephone Connection.—This progressive and leading house was established in 1888, the present firm of Chas. A. Blake & Co. being successors to the old firm of Wm. B. Smith & Son. They occupy well-equipped and modern salesrooms at Nos. 634 to 638 North Main Street, carrying a complete line of hay, straw, grain and feed for both wholesale and retail buyers. They are large shippers by the carload from leading Western and New England points, their stock being in every respect up to date. Prices will be found uniformly based upon the lowest market figures. The firm have always believed in a high standard, reliable cash business, and have pursued this policy steadily from the first, so that they are now enabled to afford their patrons many exceptional and attractive bargains. A specialty is made of baled hay and straw by the car or fractional carload. They are always prompt, reliable shippers, and guarantee all goods to be received in good condition. Their wholesale business extends throughout New

England, over all the leading railroads, and also to Canada. They enjoy the very best of trade connections, the successful establishment of which has been secured only by long and patient attention to all the best features of this line of trade. Their regular corps of assistants consists of six trained clerks and salesmen. Whenever desiring A1 service, goods and quotations, our readers will show judgment in dealing with this reliable and first-class house.

F. W. BACKES, Wholesale and Retail Vienna Bakery, Lunch Room and Ice-Cream Parlors, Nos. 167 and 169 Asylum Street, opposite Allyn House.—The Vienna bakery conducted by Mr. F. W. Backes at Nos. 167 and



169 Asylum Street (in the fine block owned by Mr. Backes), opposite the Allyn House, is among the most reliable in Hartford, and deserves honorable mention. The business is both wholesale and retail, and an extensive and first-class trade is catered to. Mr. Backes is a thorough master of everything pertaining to the business, and has built up a trade upon a sound and permanent basis. He occupies commodious premises, part of which are fitted up as a dining-room and ice-cream parlor. A specialty is made of serving dinners, where none better can be had in the city. The location is central and near the depot. These departments, as well as the bakery, are well-equipped with the latest modern and improved machinery for facilitating the business. Mr. Backes has made it an invariable

rule to use nothing but absolutely pure material, and upon this substantial basis in all his dealings he has won a wide reputation and instant appreciation from all who buy his goods. He has developed a fine retail trade. Orders for cake for weddings and parties will be promptly attended to and delivered. Mr. Backes has had many years' experience in the business, and is a practical, popular and successful baker.

J. M. BISSELL,

PACKER AND DEALER IN

LEAF · TOBACCO,

No. 220 STATE STREET.

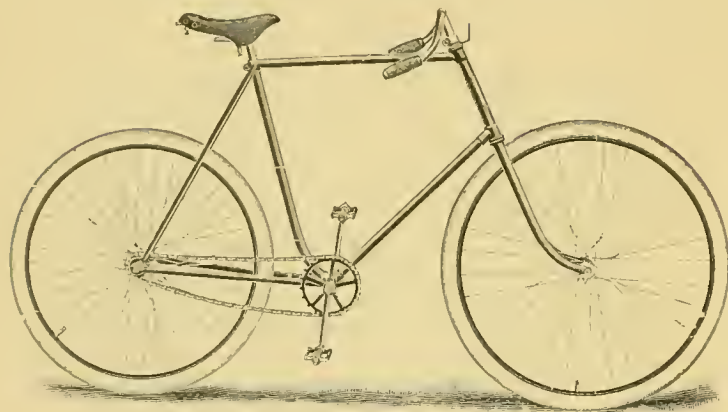
THE PERKINS ELECTRIC-SWITCH MANUFACTURING CO., No. 302 Asylum Street.—The development of electrical appliances is by all odds the most significant feature of the closing century. The revolution wrought in the economy of industries and the control of nature is but yet barely realized. The Perkins Electric-Switch Manufacturing Co. of Hartford is one of the representative houses of New England in this line. Its offices and workshops are situated at No. 302 Asylum Street this city; and, though incorporated in 1890, it already controls a very large and successful business. Their well-known "switches" are manufactured under various patents issued to C. G. Perkins from 1881 to 1890, and are acknowledged by all competent judges to be unequaled in excellence of mechanical construction. They are made in a variety of styles with a fine porcelain base and nickel cover, and with a capacity ranging from 5 to 150 amperes on a continuous current of 120 volts. Every instrument is fully guaranteed, and the universal success with which they have met is the best testimony to their value. Another specialty made by this company is the "Dovetail Ceiling Cut-Out," for cleat, concealed and moulding work. Among its advantages are its easy adjustment, porcelain protecting lugs, the firm dovetail contacts, and freedom from possible accidental disjunction. It is undoubtedly superior to any other on the market. Their new No. 3 Socket also combines the advantages of all the best sockets, and is fitted for the standard bases of lamps. The energy and judgment shown in the development of this company have made it a very important factor in New England and national electrical affairs. Their works and offices cover two floors 25 x 90 feet, three floors 23 x 75 feet and office 30 x 25 feet, and they employ an average corps of forty-five men. Their goods are well known throughout the country, and are also shipped in large quantities to foreign countries. They manufacture also at above address the well-known Waterhouse, Gamble & Co. Arc Lamp, which for incandescent currents has numerous points of excellence, placing it in many respects at the top among lamps of its class. The Gibbs Switch, which they manufacture, was patented March 27, 1894, is double-pole, double-brake. Its absolute interchangeability, simplicity and durability will recommend this switch to those who have been annoyed by the breaking and inability to replace parts of many otherwise good switches. The parts are all strong and not liable to give out; but, in case of breakage, the switch is so simple in its construction that any part may be replaced in a moment. This switch is giving fine satisfaction, and is becoming very popular in the trade.

TUTTLE & MATHER, Expressmen, Carmen and Transferring; Theatre Work a Specialty; Special Attention Given to Moving Furniture; No. 2 American Row.—There is no need of enlarging upon the usefulness of a thoroughly reliable, prompt and frequent express service, for the value of such a service is too apparent to require demonstration and fully justifies us in making prominent mention of Messrs. Tuttle & Mather,

expressmen and carmen, in this review of the most important and notable enterprises of the city, it being generally conceded that no express running out of Hartford renders a more comprehensive and thoroughly satisfactory service than the one in question. This business was established some twenty years ago by Mr. Edson Sissions, who was bought out by Mr. T. S. Mather in 1889. Mr. C. E. Tuttle was already engaged in the express business, and combining his with that of Mr. Mather made the present strong firm and large business. Messrs. Tuttle & Mather are well-known expressmen and carmen, making a specialty of theatre work and furniture moving. Their business has steadily developed until now eight trucks and express wagons are required in handling the business transacted. They do business for such large concerns as Calhoun's Printing Co., Squires & Son, Atlantic Screw Works, Jacobs, Avery & Jacobs, Storrs & Candee, the theatrical business, and a large percentage of the wharfage trucking. Goods transported by this express are assured careful handling and prompt delivery, and as the charges on all classes of freight from light packages to heavy bundles, machinery, etc., are uniformly moderate, it is no wonder that very general use should be made of the facilities offered. All orders addressed to No. 2 American Row are assured prompt attention and satisfactory execution.

HARDING & HOLBROOK (Atlantic Fish Market), Wholesale and Retail Dealers in All Kinds of Fresh, Salt, Smoked and Pickled Fish, Oysters, Clams, Lobsters, &c., No. 567 Main Street.—Those who have done business with Messrs. Harding & Holbrook long enough to become familiar with their methods and the excellence of their service need not be advised to patronize their establishment in the future; but, as there are doubtless many among our readers who have not had this experience, we think it will be both pleasant and well advised for us to call attention to some of the many advantages they have to offer. To begin with, the business was established by Mr. Paine about thirty years ago. He was succeeded by Messrs. Daniels & Holbrook, and they in turn by the present proprietors about seven years ago. Mr. S. E. Harding is a native of Wellfleet, Mass., and Mr. W. J. Holbrook is from the same town. Both are widely known and highly esteemed in Hartford, where they occupy premises located at No. 567 Main Street, and popularly known as the Atlantic Fish Market, and which are very completely fitted up for the carrying on of the business in the best possible manner. Dealing as they do in such perishable commodities as fish, Messrs. Harding & Holbrook have spared no pains to provide the most approved means for the preservation of the same when the weather is warm or otherwise unfavorable, and they have found their reward in the character of their patronage, for no one likes to purchase food which has been improperly cared for. They are wholesale and retail dealers in fresh, salt, smoked and pickled fish, oysters, clams, lobsters, etc. Three well-informed assistants are constantly employed, and orders are promptly delivered to any part of the city.

* The Keating Wheel *



THE STRONGEST LIGHT WHEEL IN THE WORLD.

Beautifully finished; graceful, easy-running. A wheel upon which you can take solid comfort. Though not made in Hartford, the State Agency is held by

A. H. POMEROY, No. 98 ASYLUM STREET.

You should certainly give it a trial before buying a wheel.

WOOLLEY'S HACK, LIVERY AND BOARDING

STABLES, No. 108 Main Street.—There is no disputing the fact that Woolley's Hack, Livery and Boarding Stables occupy a leading position among similar establishments of the kind in Hartford; and it is perfectly natural that such should be the case, for their proprietor is one of the most experienced stable keepers in the city and spares no expense to afford his customers every accommodation. The enterprise under his charge he founded twenty-five years ago, and he was also for many years an undertaker here. Mr. W. P. Woolley is ably assisted in the management of these stables by his son, Mr. F. P. Woolley, who is a very popular young man. These stables are located at No. 108 Main Street, and are neat and commodious in every respect. Sixty horses and thirty carriages are kept in first-class condition for livery purposes, and fifteen experienced assistants are employed. Mr. Woolley caters to a very fine and extensive patronage, the Governor being among his patrons. We can assure those who have not yet made trial of Mr. Woolley's facilities that they are equal to the best, and are in fact superior to those of the average livery stable, while his prices are low and equitable. Hacks will be furnished for all occasions at short notice.

A. D. COOKE, Retail Dealer in Groceries and Provisions; Fresh, Salt and Canned Fish; No. 56 Market Street.—The age and importance of the grocery trade entitle it to a leading position among the most influential industries of the world, and its representatives in this State and vicinity are not surpassed for reliable dealings or business enterprise by any of their confrères. Prominent among the leading grocers and provision dealers of this section of the State Mr. A. D. Cooke has long been recognized as an honorable and progressive merchant. He established his business here in 1886 and has since met with continuous and deserved success. He employs regularly three assistants, and commands one of the finest retail trades in this section of the city. His stock of groceries and provisions, fresh, salt and canned fish, is first-class and reliable in every respect, and rated at prices considerably below the average. A specialty is made of the fish department. The premises utilized comprise two floors 30 x 60 feet in dimensions, and are located at No. 56 Market Street. This store is a model of neatness and care in the keeping of the stock, and in the tasteful display of the goods.

NIMS, WHITNEY & CO. (Successors to J. H. Goodell, Formerly with H. R. Gridley, Now with the Above), Manufacturers of and Dealers in Doors, Windows and Blinds, No. 572 Main Street.—Although there has been a steady advance all along the line in the various trades and industries of the country during the past quarter century, there is hardly a department which has made such appreciable and rapid progress as that concerned with house-building supplies and artistic wood manufacturing. The inventive spirit of New England has been concentrated as never before in this special line, and the result is seen in a wide variety of beautiful and important improvements. An establishment which represents the latest and best ideas in this field, having a trade equaled by few in New England, is that of Messrs. Nims, Whitney & Co., whose Hartford branch is situated at No. 572 Main Street, and under the management of Mr. N. C. Wardwell. The factories of this house at Keene, N. H., have been in operation for over thirty years. Their Hartford store and warehouse, under the charge of Mr. Wardwell since 1890, has at once taken a leading position in its line, owing to the very large modern facilities at its command. The stock includes every line of doors, windows, sash, blinds, plate and window glass, putty, etc., at the lowest figures on the market. Very fine specialties in hardwood-work, inside shutters and blinds are made to order. Constant large consignments are received, and the stock of this house will always be found up to the very largest and best demands of the trade. The leading builders and contractors of this section have shown by their action that the work furnished by this house is first-class. The most careful attention is paid to special orders, and the facilities of the house are unexcelled for retail as well as wholesale trade. Mr. N. C. Wardwell, the efficient local representative, is a native of Greenfield, Mass., widely and favorably known to the trade in this important department.

DANIELS, THE PRINTER, No. 284 Asylum Street, Room 4; Commercial Printing at Lowest Prices.—In this age of enlightenment and progress, old-fashioned methods have no chance, and there is no line



of business in which this fact is so forcibly demonstrated as in printing. People want good work and modern work, and it is because he is so well able to fill these requirements that Daniels, the Printer, has made such a large success of his business, and enjoys such widespread popularity. He began business in Hartford in 1873, and has always exhibited the greatest enterprise, keeping fully abreast of the times and improvements of the age, and meeting with the most flattering success in every department of work. Mr. Daniels makes a specialty of commercial printing at low prices, and possesses most excellent facilities for the execution of any description of work in this line, from a simple

business card to an illustrated trade catalogue. His establishment occupies two floors of the building, No. 284 Asylum Street, each floor having an area of 30 x 40 feet. The plant is complete in every detail, being furnished with four large presses of the latest and most approved make, and all other appliances of a first-class modern printing house, including the latest and best styles of type. Mr. Daniels is himself a thoroughly practical printer, and employs none but the most competent men, his working force averaging six.

E. GATELY & CO., Installment Dealers; Furniture, Carpets, Bedding, and General Household Furnishings; No. 288 Asylum Street.—There is not, probably, a business firm in Hartford which needs less introduction than Messrs. E. Gately & Co. In 1878 the present enterprise was started by them, and a long practical experience in the furniture business has been enjoyed. The premises occupied, and located at No. 288 Asylum Street, comprise one floor 20 x 100 feet in dimensions, with basement and second story. Twelve competent assistants are employed. The stock carried is large and varied, and embraces all kinds of furniture, carpets, bedding and general household furnishings, as all tastes are catered to. Many new novelties, makes and designs are always being shown in furniture, and no pains are spared to please the most fastidious customers, while everything sold here will be found to prove just as represented in every particular. The business is ably managed by Mr. E. G. Carter, who is very well and favorably known throughout Hartford. Messrs. Gately & Co. sell on the installment plan, thus enabling all to furnish their homes at a small outlay. They make most favorable inducements to their patrons, and guarantee to sell as low as any one engaged in the same line of trade.

W. J. MAY, Dealer in Fine Groceries, Foreign and Domestic Fruits, No. 61 Farmington Avenue, Asylum Hill; All Orders by Telephone Promptly Executed.—Should a person thoroughly acquainted with the comparative standing of the various business houses of this town be asked to name half a dozen of the leading grocery houses of Hartford, he would unquestionably include W. J. May in the list, for this concern has long held its present high position, and is generally conceded to have few if any rivals in its particular line of business. The reasons for this favorable judgment are not difficult to learn, for no one can visit this establishment without being impressed by the magnitude and variety of the stock carried, the dependable character of the goods and the low prices quoted on the same, while the prompt and courteous attention extended to every caller is of itself enough to entitle this representative concern to particularly favorable mention. This enterprise was founded a quarter of a century ago by Messrs. Sumner & Smith, and, after some changes, in 1879 the present proprietor assumed control. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and well known in this town and vicinity. The premises utilized are located at No. 61 Farmington Avenue, on Asylum Hill; they comprise one floor and basement, 20 x 70 feet in dimensions. Two teams and four competent assistants are employed. Fine groceries, foreign and domestic fruits, flour, sugar, teas, coffees, pure spices, etc., are dealt in, and all orders are accurately filled at short notice.

HENRY C. BURGESS, Dealer in Lehigh and Free-Burning All-Rail Coal, No. 15 Albany Avenue.—It is needless to expatiate on the supreme value of coal, but a matter which concerns every one of our readers is where this indispensable article can be purchased on the very best terms. An answer to their complete satisfaction can be made by trial of the superior facilities afforded by Mr. Henry C. Burgess at No. 15 Albany Avenue, the leading Hartford merchant in this line. The business was established in 1886 by Mr. J. C. Taft, whose experienced oversight as Weigher and Superintendent is still enjoyed by the house. For the past six years it has been under the general management of Mr. H. C. Burgess, than whom there is no more experienced or widely-conversant dealer of coal in this part of New England. The premises occupied—immediately adjacent to the railroad, at above address—comprise more than an acre of ground, and are fitted up with the finest class of storage-sheds, coal-pockets, general weighing and shipping facilities. A specialty is made of the At retail trade, though there are some very large regular customers of the house. The stock carried is not excelled, either in size or high standard, anywhere in this section. The leading specialties are Lehigh and free-burning coals, in all the standard forms and sizes; the stock also includes favorite kinds of anthracite and stove coals from other sections of the East. Its high character can be judged from the fact that it is entirely shipped by rail directly from the mines—a course which would be impossible with inferior grades. Quick, reliable service and liberal prices have placed the business of this house at the very front of local trade.

E. N. & N. O. KELLOGG, Wool, No. 373 Asylum Street.

—From various causes the subject of wool has been of extreme interest to the entire American people for some years past. When it is considered that three-fourths of all the clothing worn must be derived from this source, the reason for this interest is not difficult to fathom. Whatever may be the rating of tariff schedules, it is certain that the leading wool trade of this part of the country will continue under the management of the house of E. N. & N. O. Kellogg, as it has for the past fifty years or more. The reason for this is simply that this house has invariably offered the best of service and goods. A very large proportion of Hartford's commercial life has been built up since this old reliable house was established. Mr. E. N. Kellogg, the pioneer wool merchant of this part of the State, was also one of the first Councilmen at the incorporation of Hartford as a city. By the slow and steady growth of many years the firm have created a very wide, complete range of trade facilities and connections. They were extensive importers in the county twenty years ago of the finest European and Australian wools, also handling all the leading American brands. Their commission and jobbing trade extends to all parts of New England, supplying many of the largest mills in this and other States. One of their prominent specialties is "scoured wool," a marked favorite for high-grade cloths. The high standing and reputation of the house are a most complete guarantee of liberal dealings and the very best wholesale rates. Their influence has been felt in the elevation of the New England wool trade from its earliest period to the present time.

JOHN McCLARY (Wood-Working Company), Office and

Factory, Nos. 65, 67 and 69 Front Street, and Nos. 85, 87, 89 and 91 Grove Street. —The union of art and mechanical skill in the field of wood-working machinery has produced results in recent years more beautiful than were ever obtained before. This is seen in the interior wood finish, hardwood mouldings, etc., which adorn our most beautiful and important buildings. A business enterprise which has taken a marked and influential position in this department is that conducted by Mr. John McClary at Nos. 65-69 Front Street and Nos. 85-91 Grove Street, Hartford. It was established by Mr. McClary in 1888 and has continued under his management without change. The business premises occupied afford about 16,000 feet square floor space, and are admirably equipped with every modern line of machinery. Thirty-five men are employed on the average, and a large annual output made of all kinds of wood-working and turned goods. This includes special fixtures for banks, drug-stores, church seats, pulpits, altars, offices, saloons, mantels, sideboards, wainscotings, ceilings, floor-work, etc., at very low and attractive rates. Mr. McClary executes special designs to order and also carries a large general stock of wood-fittings and fixtures. Estimates are carefully furnished and can be most thoroughly relied upon. As nothing adds so much to the interior effect of a business, public or private edifice as fine woodwork, it should prove of value and interest for all our readers to make a careful examination of the facilities of this successful and leading house in its line.

J. SAMUELS & CO., New England Boot and Shoe House,

No. 354 Main Street, Corner Kinsley, Hartford, and No. 23 Colony Street, Meriden.—One of the reasons why so much dissatisfaction exists in the matter of footwear is that less judgment is displayed in the purchase of these articles than in any other line of wearing apparel. But in this as in every other department of life the progressive spirit of the age is making itself felt, and the erroneous impression that a tight fit is a good fit is rapidly disappearing, and with it the tendency of shoes to lose their shape and disintegrate under ordinary wear. Somebody has said that more trouble has been caused in this world by misfit shoes than by bad hearts, and he was about right. The best results in buying shoes are sure to be obtained by relying upon the judgment of such responsible dealers as Messrs. J. Samuels & Co., of the New England Boot and Shoe House, No. 354 Main Street. They have a handsome corner store, 25 x 100 feet in dimensions, which is one of the finest shoe emporiums in the State. The character and importance of the business may be inferred from the fact that the annual sales of the house aggregate between \$85,000 and \$90,000. This store was first opened in 1876 by Mr. Samuels, who came from Boston, where he had previously been in the business for a number of years. The firm employ six assistants here, and also have a fine branch store at Meriden, Conn. Mr. Samuels is a courteous and obliging gentleman, and customers at his store receive the most satisfactory and polite attention from him and his alert and well-trained assistants.

JOSEPH HAGARTY, Dealer in Groceries and Provisions,

No. 75 Front Street.—One of the recently-established and at the same time one of the most reliable enterprises carried on in this section of Hartford is that conducted by Mr. Joseph Hagarty at No. 75 Front Street, for the proprietor is well and favorably known throughout this vicinity, and has had sufficient experience in his present line of business to be thoroughly familiar with it in every detail. Mr. Hagarty is a native of Hartford, and as before stated is well known throughout the city. He is Financial Secretary of the A. O. H., Second Division, and was formerly Financial Secretary of the United Irish Society, and also a member of the Foresters. The store occupied by him is very conveniently fitted up, the space available being sufficiently extensive to admit of the carrying of a large and varied stock, comprising selected family groceries and provisions of all kinds. This stock is new, fresh and "clean" in every department, and therefore Mr. Hagarty has no undesirable goods to "work off," but is in a position to supply articles that will satisfy the most fastidious. Orders are filled at short notice, and every caller may safely depend upon receiving courteous and painstaking attention. This establishment was founded in 1891, and has been under the able management of its present proprietor from its inception. Those giving Mr. Hagarty's establishment a trial will find him prepared to fill either large or small orders without delay, and at the lowest market rates.



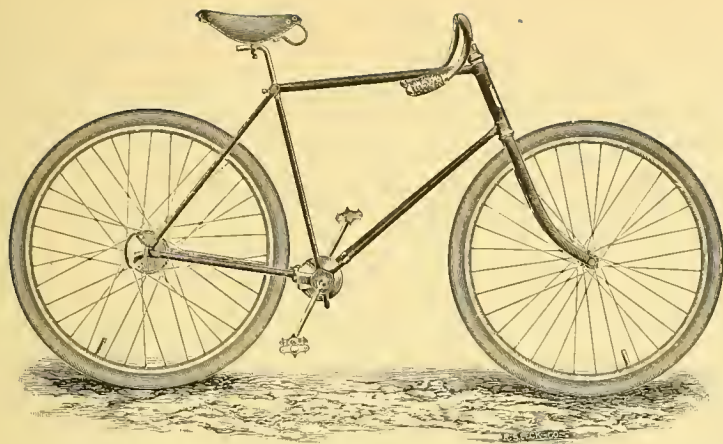
BIRD'S-EYE VIEW.

BOUCHER & CORNWELL, Domestic Laundry; Shirts, Collars and Cuffs a Specialty; Goods Collected and Delivered Free of Charge; No. 15 Church Street.—One need not be very old to remember the storm of opposition which hailed the advent of the first public laundries, or rather the first machine laundries; for the introduction of the washing machinery now in general use is of comparatively recent date, and few industries have developed as rapidly as the laundry business during the past ten or twelve years. The public were warned that the machinery would rip clothes to pieces; that fine linen would be burned beyond repair; the strongest materials would be rotted by chemicals, and havoc and ruin generally would result from patronizing these establishments; but still they were supported so liberally that their number has increased with phenomenal rapidity, and this increase is still going on—so the natural presumption is that the service they afford is efficient and satisfactory. The Domestic Laundry, located at No. 15 Church Street, may be cited as a representative establishment of this kind, for it is one of the most liberally-patronized laundries in this section of the State, and offers a service unsurpassed for reliability and general efficiency. The proprietress, Mrs. L. A. Cornwell, came from New York and founded the Domestic Laundry in 1883. The premises utilized by her cover an area of some 2,400 square feet, and are fitted up with a complete plant of the most improved machinery. Employment is given to ten assistants, and the various duties and responsibilities are so definitely placed that the greatest possible accuracy is attained. A specialty is made of shirts, collars and cuffs, and all work will be called for and delivered free of charge to any part of the city, and the charges will compare favorably with any quoted by other laundries turning out equally-desirable work.

J. D. FISKE & CO., Leather and Findings; Boot and Shoe Uppers and Shoe-Store Supplies; No. 278 Asylum Street.—The immense scope of trade and industry necessary for the complete manufacture of a modern shoe is hardly realized by those who have not given the subject careful attention. There is probably no other line into which so many channels of invention and manufacture converge as this. This fact is very clearly illustrated by the extensive business and stock handled by the well-known firm of Messrs. J. D. Fiske & Co., No. 278 Asylum Street, Hartford. It has now been in successful operation for the past fifteen years and is a recognized leader in its department throughout the State. A large modern store is occupied, 26 x 100 feet in dimensions, and completely stocked at all times. The trade is largely wholesale, but a first-class grade of retail business is also handled. In addition to full lines of finished and dressed leather, morocco, kid, etc., and hoot and shoe uppers for local manufacturers, the following comprises a partial list of the shoe findings carried in stock: Beeswax, button-hooks, burnish ink, blackings, fasteners, boot-web, bound cork soles, calf-patches, crimping tacks, cut soles, emery paper, eyelets and hooks, hotel brushes, heel-ball and staves, heel plates, stiffeners and protectors, kit-lamps, lamb's-wool soles, lap irons, machine silk, measure straps, peg-cutters and awls, rubber soling, patching and cement;

Russia bristles, russet linings, standards and lasts, gorings, steel nippers, pinchers, sand paper, shoe brushes, knives, dressings, daubers, buttons, pegs, hammers, lifts, buffers, laces, tacks, nails, shank-irons, strip awls, sandstones, stitch wheels, toe stretchers, top-pieces, welt knives and trimmers, Yankee key wheels, French calf, oak calf and kip, French chalk, German rasps, shoe thread and steel nails. It can thus be seen that every article and material needed by manufacturers or dealers in this line can be procured at this store, and its reputation for fair and liberal dealings is a guarantee of the very best modern service at all times. Mr. J. D. Fiske, the sole proprietor of this establishment, is a native of the "Green Mountain State." His grandfather, Judge Jonathan Fiske, was Justice of the Peace and Town Clerk in Williamstown, Vt., also Judge of Probate in his district for over forty years, also represented the town in the State Legislature for thirty years in succession, and afterwards at various times. Mr. Fiske spent his early years of business life in Malone, N. Y., as telegraph operator, clerk and proprietor of a country store; was also Town Clerk for ten years. In 1859 he went to New York City and for nine years was a salesman, and for a further span of eleven years was a partner in the well-known wholesale boot and shoe house of Nathaniel Fisher & Co. While living in New York City he was an active member of "The American Institute," and is now an honorary member of the same. He is a member of the Board of Trade and Merchants' Exchange, and is a Mason.

SCHROEDER'S Ice-Cream and Candy Manufactory, No. 373 Main Street.—In this age of adulteration it is difficult to tell from appearances whether confectionery is absolutely pure or has been subjected to some of the many methods of sophistication in the process of manufacture. However, it is unnecessary for buyers of confectionery in Hartford to trouble themselves on this point if they confine their patronage to such reputable manufacturers as Mr. F. Schroeder. His motto is not "How cheap!" but "How good!" and with this always prominently in view he uses none but the purest sugars, flavoring extracts, vegetable colors or other ingredients in the composition of his delicious and wholesome candies, while the processes employed are of the most advanced and scientific sort. His reputation as a manufacturer of ice cream is second to none, and his product has a larger sale than that of any other maker in the city. Mr. Schroeder began business here in 1873, and in the intervening twenty-one years has built up a large and flourishing trade in his dainty specialties and general products. His store at No. 373 Main Street is one of the most popular in the city. Two floors, each 25 x 60 feet in extent, are needed for the accommodation of his large retail candy and ice-cream trade, a part of this space being utilized for the ice-cream manufacturing department. The candy manufactory is at No. 14 Morgan Street, and occupies two floors 23 x 40 feet in dimensions, and about 800 square feet of storage room. Mr. Schroeder has an extensive wholesale as well as retail trade, supplying many of the other stores in the city with confectionery and ice cream. He employs ten hands and keeps two delivery teams in constant service.



THE LEAGUE CYCLE CO., Manufacturers of the "League Wheel" (Chainless), No. 30 Union Place.—Scientific terms are now being used for old proverbs, especially in business matters. We used to say: "Practice makes perfect." Now, it is "natural selection" and the "evolution of higher types." However phrased, it is undeniably the fact that the "League Wheel" made by The League Cycle Co. of Hartford represents the highest and best development yet attained in this very popular and influential field. The company was incorporated in 1892 for the purpose of manufacturing this special wheel, and the wide success with which it has met fully justified the foresight of the prominent business and professional men who united to add another great triumph to Hartford's commercial history. The great and salient feature of the "League Wheel" is the added simplicity, lightness and ease of operation afforded by its being free from the cumbersome chain attachment. It was for some years supposed that the chain was essential to the Safety Wheel and ensured the best multiplication of force. This company has solved the problem of a simple mechanical arrangement, affording even better speed to the wheel, which is, of course, the supreme factor, and at the same time doing away with several pounds of weight. They control the patent on chainless cycles, and their superior machines are steadily driving the older forms out of the market. The manufacturing plant occupied at No. 30 Union Place has been equipped in the most modern and thorough manner. It comprises an entire building of four stories, 100 x 35 feet in dimensions. The corps of trained workmen employed averages one hundred and twenty. Every detail of the machine receives most expert and careful attention, the steel frames and bars, saddle, handles, pneumatic tires, etc., being each of the finest material and workmanship, and in their proportional arrangement they afford a perfection of rapid and steady service which places the "League Wheel" at the very head of the procession. The ideas of some of the most famous riders of the country are embodied both in its detail and general form. For racing or riding

of every kind it cannot be matched, and none of those who have tried it would exchange for any older style. The officers of The League Cycle Co. are: Hon. Henry C. Dwight (Ex-Mayor of Hartford), President; Arthur H. Parker, Vice-President and Manager; Andrew F. Gates, Treasurer; Samuel G. Mowry, Secretary. Each improvement in the cycle has resulted in a very large extension of its use, and we have no doubt that the general introduction of the "chainless wheels" will show the same result.

KENEY, ROBERTS & CO., Mill Agents; Wholesale Grocers and Flour Merchants; No. 700 Main Street.—In the last resort, the standing and civilization of every country fall back upon its food supply. The unprecedented progress of the past thirty years of national history can be largely traced to this source. An establishment, therefore, which stands as an important factor in our civilization, as well as an unquestioned leader in its department of trade, is that of Messrs. Keney, Roberts & Co. at No. 700 Main Street. The business was established in 1830 by the firm of H. W. Keney & Co., which continued without change until 1855. In that year the new partnership of Keney, Roberts & Goodwin was formed, which on the death of Mr. Goodwin became Keney & Roberts. The only change since was the admission in 1889 of Messrs. Wm. Tucker and H. H. Goodwin as members of the firm. The senior partner, Mr. Henry Keney, now eighty-eight years of age, has been at the head of the firm from the first day to the present. As one of the oldest active merchants in the State, he has witnessed the large and far-reaching changes of more than sixty years of commercial progress. Mr. Ebenezer Roberts has been a partner for nearly forty years, and the younger members of the firm have also been associated with it for nearly twenty years. In all that is implied by long experience and trained service this house is entitled to a prominent place among those which have made New England a great centre of the world's trade. The firm still occupy the original store building at No. 700 Main Street, and in addition a large modern warehouse at No. 116 Commerce Street, comprising four floors, 50 x 100 feet in dimensions. They carry a very extensive and reliable stock, including the finest grades of Western flour and general wholesale grocers' supplies. The



character of their stock and trade is sufficiently indicated by the fact that they are the special mill agents for this section of the Washburn-Crosby Co.'s Superlative Flour, of Minneapolis. Their jobbing trade extends throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts, relations having been maintained for many years with the largest and best stores in this part of New England. The house is thoroughly representative of the best standards and most liberal dealings of the city and State trade.

AMERICAN HOUSE (W. H. Miner, Proprietor; Formerly of Miner's Restaurant), Corner American Row and State Street; Special Rates to Theatrical and Commercial People.—Hotels, like individuals, soon establish a character of their own in a community, and as the American House has been in operation many years its reputation has long since been definitely fixed. Mr. W. H. Miner, the present proprietor, has been connected with the American House for the past seven years. He formerly conducted Miner's Restaurant and is popularly known here. In fact, he ranks with the best-known hotel proprietors in this vicinity; and, as "practice makes perfect," it may safely be assumed that he has little to learn in connection with the business. Indeed, the American House is now considered by experienced travelers, especially theatrical people, as one of the best-managed hotels in this section of the State, and it is often remarked that its proprietor has successfully solved the difficult problem of making guests feel perfectly at home without sacrificing dignity or propriety in the slightest degree. The house contains sixty large and pleasant rooms, well furnished, while the terms are reasonable. The *cuisine* is excellent and the service all that can be desired; in fact, everything possible is done for the comfort of the guests. The American House is located at the corner of American Row and State Street. Special rates are made to theatrical and commercial people.

GEO. P. BISSELL & CO., Bankers, No. 307 Main Street.—No city of its size in the United States is provided with better banking facilities than Hartford has had almost from the beginning of its advance to a position of an important commercial and industrial centre. The exigencies of its vast business interests demand the possession of facilities of the largest and most complete description, and, as has been said, these have been amply provided, and they are controlled by men of the widest experience and most advanced ideas. Among the oldest banking houses in Hartford, or even in New England, is that of Messrs. Geo. P. Bissell & Co. The founder, and for many years the active head of the business, Mr. Geo. P. Bissell, died three years ago, and since that time the house has been carried on by Mr. Albert H. Olmsted, who was associated with him for a number of years as partner in the business, and Mr. Chas. H. Coit, who had some fifteen years' experience in banking in Litchfield, Conn. They hold a leading position among the progressive bankers of the country, and do a large business, making special features of local stocks and bonds, and are extensive dealers in all securities dealt in on the New York, Boston and Philadelphia Exchanges, doing both a commission and cash sale business. They do not however deal in margins, confining their attention strictly to the regular departments of business in which a high-toned banking house may engage. Interest is allowed on deposit, subject to check, and letters of credit furnished to travelers in foreign parts, through Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co., or Messrs. Brown Bros. of New York. They also buy and sell sterling exchange. Safe-deposit boxes for the storage of valuable papers, plate, jewelry and other personal property are provided at moderate rentals, and every facility for privacy is offered to those who wish to avail themselves of them.

L. D. PIERCE, Electro-Plater, Grinding, Polishing and Finishing of Metals, Colt's Armory Building, Third Floor; Residence, No. 126 Huntington Street.—One of the greatest applications of chemistry to the mechanical arts made during the present century is that of electro-plating. It secures results of the most durable and artistic character at an expense formerly unthought of. A successful and well-known business in this department has been conducted in Hartford for the past nine years by Mr. L. D. Pierce. His workshop is situated on the third floor in the Colt Armory Building, and for that celebrated arms company he does a very large amount of work, which is the highest possible testimony to its thoroughness and value. He employs seven regular assistants, all experienced and first-class workmen. His facilities for all kinds of electro-plating, grinding, polishing and finishing of metals are unsurpassed. He can handle large contracts with dispatch and thorough success, his prices being equal to the best that can be obtained anywhere. A special feature is made of burnishing and polishing old materials, making them in every respect equal to new. Mr. Pierce employs only the best material, and guarantees uniform first-class work. His trade in the city and surrounding section has been steadily increasing, and is now unexcelled by any other either in extent or value. Our readers can rely upon the most complete satisfaction in entrusting work to his experienced care.

STODDARD & CORKINS, No. 283 Sheldon Street, Corner Union.—The subject of building a house which will meet all modern requirements has become in recent years a much more complex and extensive a problem than was the case even ten years ago. It must not only have good architectural form as regards external design and interior finish, but even more important, if possible, are those multifarious arrangements for sanitation, comfort and elegance which only the experienced hand can add. The well-known firm of Stoddard & Corkins has for over fifteen years taken a leading part in the advance of local ideas and interests in this department. Their workshops and office at No. 283 Sheldon Street, corner of Union, are very thoroughly equipped and provided with every convenience for prompt and careful execution of building and carpentering work. Their large business requires the constant employment of thirty experienced workmen. Their facilities also for architectural work, furnishing plans complete in every modern feature, are of the very best type. Many of the largest and most beautiful edifices in the city and section have been erected by this progressive firm. They handle both large and small contracts with equal thoroughness, guaranteeing in all cases the most complete satisfaction. The best of attention afforded to repairs and special jobbing work of every sort. The prices and terms of this firm are unexcelled in fairness and liberality. Our readers can be certain of obtaining the best results in dealing with them, and their success is thoroughly in accord with that high degree of excellence which has made Hartford one of the most beautiful cities in the country, both as regards its public and private residences. Some of the beautiful buildings they have recently built are the library at the Theological Seminary and Mr. P. Garvin's new house, and several others.



ASSEMBLY HALL, CAPITOL.



WM. G. BAXTER, Wall Papers, Decorations, Room Mouldings, Metal Ceilings, No. 231 Asylum Street.—It is an undoubted fact that such an important trade centre in this part of the country as Hartford should be supplied with houses engaged in all the prominent branches of business. Perhaps few cities of its size are as well off in this particular as Hartford, not only on account of the number of business enterprises successfully carried on in her midst, but for the superior excellence which is manifest in a great many of them. Forming one of this class of houses, and maintaining a prominent position among the business interests of this city, is the establishment conducted by Mr. Wm. G. Baxter, the decorator and dealer in wall papers, decorations, room mouldings, fresco and metal ceilings. There is fashion in home-beautifying as in most other things, but the dictates of fashion are not always in the best taste and they soon change. Therefore, in decorating with an important article like wall paper it is well to apply to persons who are thoroughly experienced in handling it, and we take pleasure in recommending as such Mr. Baxter, who has had an experience of fifteen years in fine goods and decorations. His office and store, located at No. 231 Asylum Street, occupies two floors 30 x 50 feet in size, where everything pertaining to interior decoration may be found, not the least being artistic wall paper, the patterns and coloring of which will be found exceedingly beautiful, and the prices reasonable.

"His work in interior decoration has placed him as the leader in fine work. His work speaks for itself."—*Hartford Evening Times*.

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COURANT BUILDING.

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D. A. CLARK, Groceries, Meats and Fish, No. 525 Main Street.—One's first impression on examining the stock carried by Mr. D. A. Clark is that it is decidedly superior to the average in quality and will compare favorably in point of size, and this impression will be confirmed by a more extended investigation, for this firm takes pains to handle goods that will suit the most fastidious, and to offer a sufficient variety to enable all tastes to be suited and all orders to be filled without delay. This establishment was founded in January, 1894, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Broad Brook, Conn. The premises utilized are located at No. 525 Main Street and measure 25x50 feet in dimensions, affording excellent opportunity for the accommodation of a complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries, meats, fish, etc., the stock being so arranged as to aid materially in the prompt and accurate filling of orders. Mr. Clark gives close personal attention to his business and employs four competent assistants, neglecting no means to fully deserve the exceptional popularity his establishment has now. This popularity is of course due to the promptness and courtesy of the service to a great extent, but even more to the fact that every article will prove precisely as represented.

EDWARD SHELTON, Hartford Real Estate Exchange; Real Estate, Loans, Insurance and Investment Broker; Manager of Estates; Conveyancer and Notary; Negotiate Eastern and Western Mortgages; Sell or



Exchange Properties; Examine Titles; Make Appraisals; Let Properties, and Attend to the Collection of Rents; Personal Property, Western Lands, and Patents a Specialty; Correspondence Solicited; Courant Building, Room 6.—Few, if any, of those engaged in semi-professional vocations in Hartford are better known or stand higher in public esteem than Mr. Edward Shelton, whose office is in the Courant Building, Room 6. As a real estate and insurance broker he has had a longer experience, probably, than any other man in the same line of business located here. The inception of the fine business he now controls dates from 1871, in which year the firm of Messrs. Day, Goddard & Co., of which he was an active member, was organized. This firm continued

until 1877, when its interests passed exclusively into the hands of Mr. Shelton. No man has a wider or more accurate knowledge of real-estate values in Hartford and its vicinity than he, and his services to both buyers and sellers have

been of the most valuable character. In insurance matters he is equally an authority, and as an investment broker and manager of estates his services and experience are in large requisition. He has on his books some of the most desirable residential and business properties. In the negotiation of Eastern and Western mortgages he possesses exceptional facilities, which are invaluable to investors and those desiring to secure loans on valuable properties. Mr. Shelton examines titles, makes appraisals, lets properties and attends to the collection of rents, and makes a specialty of transactions in personal property, Western lands and patents. He is a conveyancer and notary. The Hartford Real Estate Exchange, which name has been chosen to distinguish his business, is known far and near.

H. S. HOUSE & CO., Manufacturer of Mouldings, Inside Finish, Window Frames; Saw and Planing Mill; Cabinet Work, Store Fixtures, Turning, Band Sawing; also Fine Piano Cases and Cabinet Work; No. 21 Union Street, between Sheldon Street and Charter Oak Avenue.—In the details of house-building the greatest importance attaches to the various parts of the framework, for upon these the durability and substantial character of the building largely depend. Next, and probably of as great importance in another direction, are the interior woodwork and finish, including trim, etc. It is highly important, therefore, that these materials should be obtained from the most reliable source. It is well known to the builder that no man in the trade holds a higher reputation in this respect than Mr. H. S. House, of this city. Four years ago the foundations of the fine business now conducted by H. S. House & Co. were laid in this city. Mr. House learned his trade in this city; and, having acquired an intimate knowledge of the requirements of builders and others making use of the material produced in that department, he has taken particular pains to meet them in the most acceptable manner, with the result that, although a young man, he is at the head of a good-sized plant. The space occupied at No. 21 Union Street, between Sheldon Street and Charter Oak Avenue, contains about 15,000 square feet, upon which they have erected a large saw and planing mill, two stories high and 60x45 feet ground measurement, a fine kiln-drying house, lumber sheds and other buildings required by their business. Power is supplied by a twenty-five horse-power engine, and the machinery and other equipments are of the latest and most approved kind. H. S. House & Co. are extensive manufacturers of mouldings, inside finish, window frames, and all the products of a saw and planing mill, including cabinet work, store fixtures, turning, band-sawing, etc. Their prices are bottom rates, while the work is invariably of the best description. The magnificent Ballerstein Building, on Main Street, was finished by them, and other fine work of the same description may be seen in the city. In connection with their other lines they make a specialty of fine, highly-polished rosewood, walnut or mahogany piano cases and cabinet work. Particular attention is given to the securing of the highest surface finish and delicate work, their orders coming from the leading piano makers of the country.

PITKIN BROS. & CO., Steam Engineers and Contractors, No. 152 State Street.—The immense manufacturing interests centered in the Connecticut Valley, and particularly in Hartford, naturally attract to this city the enterprises producing and dealing in machinery, of which, as the foundation of all modern mechanical processes, the steam engine and its inseparable companion, the steam boiler, figure most prominently. Among the leading firms of steam engineers and contractors which make this city their headquarters are the Messrs. Pitkin Bros. & Co. It is a very old-established business that they control, its foundations being laid in 1849 by the Pitkin Brothers. The surviving partner, Mr. Norman T. Pitkin, now conducts the business, retaining, however, the old firm name. The factory occupied is situated at No. 152 State Street, and consists of a large store, machine shop, pattern shop, boiler shop, blacksmith shop—over 7,000 square feet of floor surface being utilized—all fitted with the most approved appliances for carrying on the business of manufacturing steam engines, boilers and all descriptions of plate work, steam, water and gas pipe and fittings. A large force of experienced mechanics is employed in the shops, and a complete stock is carried at all times. Mr. Pitkin is the inventor of the "Pitkin Vertical Domed-Head Steam Boiler," which is one of the greatest improvements in steam boilers at the present time, being constructed in sizes from two to five hundred horse-power.

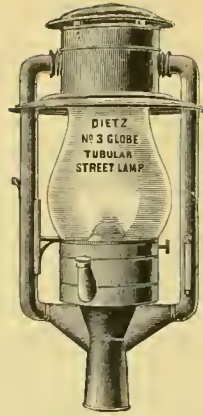
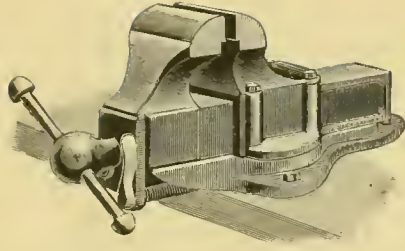
JOHN C. McMANUS, Stoves and Furnaces, No. 102 Main Street; Established 1869.—When a man makes a specialty of a certain line of business, devoting his whole time and all of his talents to its development, it may be taken for granted that those who require such services as he performs will be well served if they call upon him. Mr. John C. McManus is such a man, and in his department of business he is without a superior. In enumerating the leading industries of Hartford, a conspicuous place must be given to his enterprise, which, since its establishment in 1869, has experienced steady growth under the ability which has characterized its management. Mr. McManus was born in Hartford. Here he entered into business as a dealer in stoves, ranges and furnaces, and a tin, copper and sheet-iron worker. By industry and ability he soon worked his way to the front, and is now one of the principal men in his line in the city. He has a fine store at No. 102 Main Street, where he carries a large and well-selected stock of stoves, ranges and furnaces. His specialties are the Fuller, Warren & Co.'s celebrated hot-air furnaces and the equally popular Kernan furnaces. Mr. McManus is a hot-air expert, and has done some of the largest and best jobs in the city in this line. In stoves he makes a leading specialty of the "Model," which, as its name implies, is one of the best in the market. A large line of gas and oil stoves is also in stock. Mr. McManus has also a large business in copper, tin and iron work, employing an average of thirteen men in this department. Mr. McManus takes a live interest in the affairs of the city, and the esteem in which he is held is shown by the fact that he has been elected to important public positions, including the offices of Fire Commissioner and City Councilman.

JOSEPH STREET & SON, Stair Builders, No. 24 Potter Street.—One of the most important features of every house is its stairs, for if these be poorly constructed the integrity of the whole building is affected, and, at the same time, there is no part of the house which is put to more constant and hard use. Sensible householders and builders alike will therefore be very careful in the selection of this line of building-work. One of the oldest and best-known establishments of Hartford in this department is that conducted by Mr. Joseph Street at No. 24 Potter Street this city. It has now been in successful operation here for years, and under Mr. Street's thorough and careful management has built up a very good business. He is an experienced master-builder, who has long devoted special attention to this line, and the result is seen in a high-standard, uniform grade of work which cannot be surpassed in this or any other section. He occupies a thoroughly-equipped shop at above address with 2,500 square feet of working and storage space. An average of eight skilled workmen are employed. Every kind of special stair-work is executed to order with despatch and at lowest current prices. He also carries a large general stock, and can fill extensive contracts at short notice. Repairing and jobbing work a specialty. To secure the very best service and prices in this line our readers will do well to use the facilities afforded by Messrs. Street & Son's reliable establishment.

N. E. TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE (E. C. Down, Manager), No. 333 Main Street.—Fifteen years ago stenography was a profession whose field was limited chiefly to the newspaper offices and the court room. Typewriting machines were little known, and their use was largely of an experimental character. Now, no business office finds it possible to dispense with the services of the shorthand amanuensis, and the typewriter is as necessary an adjunct of the place as the cashier's desk, or any other indispensable fixture. It may not be that the typewriting machine will ever entirely supersede the pen, but that its use is extending more and more there is no denying. The large and constantly increasing use of this most valuable piece of mechanism in Hartford may be largely attributed to the efforts of the New England Typewriter Exchange, which has acquired prominence in recent years through the able and efficient management of Mr. E. C. Down. He is himself a finished stenographer and typewriter of high standing, serving in that capacity the Travelers' Insurance Company of this city, in addition to his other duties, and for six years has been identified with the business of handling typewriter supplies. Mr. Down is a native of New York, but has long been a resident of Hartford, and is most widely known and highly esteemed here as a business and professional man. At the New England Typewriter Exchange, No. 333 Main Street, he carries a large stock of supplies, including the latest improved typewriting machines—such as the celebrated Remington, the Yost, the Densmore, the Smith Premier, and the Hammond. He also acts as agent for the sale of the Conde Typewriter and Desk, and the Edison Mimeograph.



"ARMSMEAR." RESIDENCE OF MRS. COLT.



TRACY & ROBINSON, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
DEALERS IN

Wooden Ware and
Builders' and Manufacturers' Supplies, ... **Hardware,**

Nos. 78 and 80 Asylum Street.

The hardware trade is one very vitally connected with the best interests of the State and country. A leading and successful house of Hartford in this line is that of Messrs. Tracy & Robinson, Nos. 78 and 80 Asylum Street. Their business was established in 1835 by Mr. H. C. Porter, and has always maintained a leading position. The present firm was organized in 1892, and have thoroughly sustained the reputation of the house. They occupy a large and handsome store at above address, comprising five floors, 25 x 100 feet in dimensions. Their trade, both wholesale and retail, extends throughout the State and to different parts of New England, requiring a large force of employees regularly to handle it. In addition to their store they also use a large warehouse—40 x 60 feet, three floors—for the storage of their stock. This includes every kind of builders' and manufacturers' hardware; also tin and wooden ware and special household utensils. They carry the most complete line of builders' supplies, mechanics' tools and manufacturers' supplies of any house in the city. Their prices are uniformly on the lowest market basis, and the name of the firm is equivalent to standard A1 quality. They represent well-known manufacturers in all parts of the United States. Among their regular patrons are some of the largest mills in New England, and they have special facilities for the handling of large contracts. Builders throughout the county make this store the leading headquarters in their line of supplies.

WM. WANDER & SONS, Dealers in First-Class Pianos, Organs and Musical Merchandise; Sole Agents for Steinway Pianos, J. & C. Fischer Pianos and Stearling Pianos; Warerooms, Nos. 239, 241 and 243 Asylum Street.—An establishment which is familiar to the music-lovers of Hartford and vicinity is the one so successfully conducted by Messrs. Wm. Wander & Sons at Nos. 239, 241 and 243 Asylum Street. This business was established in 1850, and has increased to a trade of imposing proportions. They carry what is probably the largest and most complete stock of pianos and organs in the State. The premises occupied consist of a block (which they own), five stories in height and 40 x 90 feet in dimensions. Their show-rooms are very beautifully fitted up, and the building contains an elevator running to the top floor. Employment is given to twelve experienced assistants, and customers receive the greatest attention. Messrs. Wander & Sons deal in the productions of the most successful and reliable manufacturers, and an instrument warranted by them may be purchased in the full assurance that it will prove to be precisely as represented. They are sole agents for the celebrated Steinway pianos, J. & C. Fischer pianos, and the Stearling pianos. They also carry a carefully-selected assortment of musical merchandise, which they sell at reasonable prices. All in search of a first-class musical instrument should certainly visit this old and reliable establishment before purchasing elsewhere.

WM. WESTPHAL, Dealer in Havana and Seed-Leaf Tobacco and Cuttings; Tobacco Resweating Establishment; No. 229 State Street.—The extensive leaf tobacco trade of this city is among its most important industries, and the merchants engaged in it are among the most energetic and progressive of Hartford's business men. Among those who are especially conspicuous in this branch of trade by reason of the extent and scope of their operations is Mr. William Westphal, who conducts a large and most prosperous business at No. 229 State Street. His warehouse is a four-story building, with a frontage of twenty-five feet and a depth of one hundred feet, affording ample accommodation for the large stock he carries at all times. The business was started in 1859 by Mr. Westphal, who came from Germany to the United States when a young man, and began his business career as a cigar-maker. The knowledge he acquired while at that business has been of inestimable benefit to him, and it may be said that there is not in the city to-day a better judge of the intrinsic merit of each variety of leaf tobacco than he. Mr. Westphal confines his operations chiefly to Connecticut and other domestic tobaccos, although handling to some extent imported leaf. He also makes a specialty of resweating, having for this purpose a sweating room, the temperature of which ranges from 125 to 130 degrees above zero. The tobacco is first dampened and placed in the sweating-room, where the sweating process is forced by the excessive heat, thus preventing the deterioration of quality likely to result from slow natural sweating. Mr. Westphal employs an average of five assistants throughout the year, and is always in position to fill the largest and most urgent orders.



ASYLUM STREET.

E. A. & W. F. FULLER (Successors to Arthur G. Pomeroy), Packers and Dealers in Connecticut Seed-Leaf Tobacco, No. 236 State Street.—Connecticut has long enjoyed the distinction of being the only State north of Mason and Dixon's line in which tobacco is grown to any extent, and it naturally follows that Hartford, her capital city and metropolis, should be the chief centre of the great leaf-tobacco trade of the State, a trade whose value is estimated by millions. Connecticut seed-leaf tobacco has a national reputation, and of hardly less renown is the firm of Messrs. E. A. & W. F. Fuller, prominent packers and dealers in the valuable weed. This firm are the successors of Mr. Arthur G. Pomeroy, who was one of the pioneers in the trade, and whose business they took ten years ago. They have an immense trade in the leaf, shipping to all parts of the United States. Their offices and warehouse are at No. 236 State Street, and consist of a four-story building, with a frontage of twenty-five feet and a depth of eighty feet. They employ an ample force of competent assistants, and are always in a position to promptly execute the largest orders at the lowest market rates. Both members of the firm are natives of Connecticut and prominent citizens of Hartford, Mr. E. A. Fuller, the senior member, being one of the Directors of the National Exchange Bank.

SMITH, THE HORSESHOER, No. 337 Allyn Street.—The importance for domestic service of careful attention to the shoeing of the trained beasts of burden is evidenced by the fact that the term "Smith" is one of the oldest in the language of men, and is mentioned among the very earliest records. Indeed, there is no question but that this line was carefully perfected even before this was accomplished in the same field for men themselves. One of the oldest and best-known local centres for this line of work is Smith's Horseshoeing House at No. 337 Allyn Street. The premises are equipped in modern style, covering 1,200 square feet, and with first-class accommodations for from 15 to 20 horses. No pains are spared to secure for all patrons the finest class of service, and that this is true is evidenced by the fact that the regular customers here have long been among the most intelligent and influential in the city. Every piece of work which leaves this shop is guaranteed of the very best standard, and the terms are no higher than at many inferior places. Special attention is given to lame, balky or nervous horses, and the facilities for handling delicate work are unsurpassed. Our readers can make no mistake in patronizing this reliable and first-class establishment.

THE MANSUY CARRIAGE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Manufacturers of and Dealers in Carriages, Wagons and Sleighs, Nos. 17, 19 and 21 Elm Street.—No State in the Union enjoys a higher reputation for excellence and large interests engaged in the manufacture of carriages than Connecticut. In fact, its products of this kind have long been regarded as the best in the American market. An old-established and leading house in this department is the Mausny Carriage Manufacturing Company at

Nos. 17, 19 and 21 Elm Street, Hartford. The business was established in 1841 and incorporated in 1879, having been under the same progressive management for many years. The President and Manager of the company is Mr. George Best, and the Secretary Mr. J. J. Gates. Both are widely-known and experienced business men, whose authority in all matters bearing on their department of trade is accepted throughout the State. The manufacturing premises are large and modernly equipped, 80 x 80 feet (three floors). The company employs from twenty to twenty-five men on the average, and manufactures a superior grade of goods. They also carry a general stock of carriages, wagons and sleighs of every description, thoroughly guaranteed and at the lowest current prices. Their facilities are exceptionally complete for manufacturing special styles and designs to order, also for repairing work, carriage blacksmithing and general jobbing of every sort. Prompt and thorough attention at reasonable rates is assured at this leading establishment. One of the most successful specialties handled by this company is the Cushing tire and ball-bearing for wagons and carriages, which has afforded universally the highest satisfaction, and is without a rival in its line both for economy and good service. To obtain the best range of selection, complete reliance on first-class work and fair prices, our readers will find it to their interest to deal with this old-established and successful house. Their horseshoeing department, established a year ago, calls for special mention and attention, employing constantly four skilled men, satisfaction being given to a growing business in this line.

THE BOSWORTH HEATING AND SUPPLY CO., Contractors for Steam and Hot-Water Heating Apparatus, No. 253 Asylum Street.—It may well be questioned whether the application of the results of scientific investigation and discovery has benefited mankind generally in a more direct and vital manner than when it has touched the department of domestic economy. The notable advancement in methods of heating, for instance, has without doubt contributed as greatly to general healthfulness as it has to the physical comfort of the world at large; and it may well be said that no greater boon has been conferred upon mankind than that resulting from the introduction of steam and hot-water methods of heating. A concern that has held a high position among those who have led this advance is the Bosworth Heating and Supply Company of this city. The foundations of its vast business were laid in 1882 by Mr. N. A. Bosworth, who remained its sole proprietor until 1893, when the company was organized. They are among the largest contractors for steam and hot-water heating apparatus in the country—their system being acknowledged to be one of the best in use. The company has a splendidly equipped establishment at No. 253 Asylum Street, where it occupies two floors, each 35 x 90 feet in dimensions. They employ a full force of competent assistants, and are always in a position to execute orders on short notice. The Bosworth Heating and Supply Company also deal extensively, on both a wholesale and retail scale, in pipe, fittings, valves, boilers, pumps, injectors, tools and engineers' supplies, generally carrying a large and full stock of the most approved appliances in these various lines.

THE BIRKERY MFG. CO., Manufacturers of High-Pressure Ball Cocks, and Plumber's Specialties, No. 33 Wells Street.—Although not always recognized, the principles of evolution apply just as rigidly in the field of business and mechanical invention as everywhere else. Inferior forms are gradually succeeded by more perfect on the plain basis of survival of the fittest. The very best development in its special line yet reached is represented by the Birkery Patented High-Pressure Ball Cock made by The Birkery Mfg. Co. of Hartford. This company was incorporated in 1891, and has at once taken a leading rank owing to the unquestioned superiority of the line of goods manufactured. They have commanded a very large sale throughout the country, being handled by all leading dealers. By the testimony of thousands of competent judges the Birkery Patented High-Pressure Ball Cock is the best, cheapest and most perfect in action of any ever offered to the public. It is made for bottom, top or end supply, and is manufactured under the direct supervision of the patentee. The best material and perfect workmanship are guaranteed. When once used its superiority to all others will be manifest. It is cheaper because least liable to repairs, and works perfectly under the heaviest pressure. This company also manufacture a superior flush tank and a general stock of plumbers' specialties. At a liberal price, their goods will be found to give a very high degree of satisfaction. They are sold in every part of the United States, and also in foreign countries. They occupy a large and modernly-equipped manufacturing plant at No. 33 Wells Street, this city, employing from twenty to twenty-five men.

THE HARTFORD COAL CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Anthracite and Bituminous Coal, No. 278 Main Street and No. 108 Commerce Street.—The old saying, "An ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory," is as true as it is old, and cases come up daily to prove that this is correct. Some people say that coal can be bought to as much advantage of one dealer as of another, when similar quantities are ordered. This, perhaps, may be theoretically true—practically, the reverse is the case. It does not require a very extended experience to convince any person that more genuine satisfaction is to be had from placing orders with some houses than with others; and, when coal is wanted, there is no establishment in Hartford that is more profitable to patronize than that conducted by the Hartford Coal Co. This company has an office at No. 278 Main Street, and their extensive yards are located on Commerce Street. This business was incorporated in 1883, with a capital of \$10,000, Mr. Chas. R. Belden being President and Mr. John R. Hills Secretary and Treasurer. They handle coal very extensively, doing a wholesale and retail business, and employing a large force of assistants, while the lowest market rates are always quoted by them. The quality of the coal furnished is strictly reliable, and, as consumers appreciate good coal, good weight and good service, it is not to be wondered at that this is one of the most largely patronized enterprises of this kind in this vicinity. Mr. Hills is Director in several insurance companies and banks, and is also a builder.



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

SOUTH PARK DRUG STORE (A. A. McCollum), No. 31 Main Street, Corner Park.—The "mind cure" is but seldom heard of nowadays; but still, like many other fads which were popular for a time, it had some points about it entitled to respectful consideration, and it remains as true to-day as ever that the mind has an immense influence over the body in health and in disease. Let the patient be convinced that the medicines he is using are obtained from an entirely reliable source, and they will be much more likely to benefit him than they would under different circumstances. And right here is a powerful argument in favor of having prescriptions compounded at the South Park Drug Store, conducted by Mr. A. A. McCollum at No. 31 Main Street, corner Park, for he is an experienced pharmacist and has an extensive business. Mr. McCollum is a native of New York, and has carried on this enterprise since 1893, when he succeeded Mr. Sawtell, the founder, who established it in 1874. The premises occupied are 22 x 45 feet in size, and contain a fine soda fountain, drugs, sundries and toilet articles, which are offered at low prices. Mr. McCollum employs one reliable assistant, and all patrons are assured prompt attention.

LYMAN A. CHAPIN, Newsdealer and Bookseller; Special Agent New York Sunday Newspapers; Also, Periodicals and Magazines; No. 347 Main Street.—A newspaper delivery system that is not prompt, accurate and absolutely reliable is little better than an aggravation, for it is a continual source of bother and had best be dispensed with altogether. But a thoroughly satisfactory service is a most valuable and decided accommodation, and hence there is abundant reason for the pronounced popularity of that rendered by Mr. Lyman A. Chapin, for it is thoroughly satisfactory in every respect. About nine years ago Mr. Chapin established a wholesale agency for the New York Sunday newspapers, which he has conducted with such success that his trade now extends over a large section of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and probably is the largest of its kind in New England. A year ago he opened a retail store at No. 347 Main Street, where the New York and Boston daily and Sunday papers are furnished by the day, week or month at uniformly moderate rates. Magazines and periodicals of all kinds are also supplied, and subscriptions received at publisher's rates. All the new and popular books are received as soon as issued and sold at very reasonable prices. A profitable trade has been developed already in this department, and the prospect for the future is decidedly bright and promising.

JOHN ALEXANDER, Electro-Plater in Silver, Gold, Nickel and Copper; All Kinds of Polishing; No. 39 Trumbull Street.—To secure the best service nowadays sensible people always go to a trained specialist whose reputation stands for all that is latest and best in the special line. The business conducted by Mr. John Alexander at No. 39 Trumbull Street, Hartford, has established a thorough right to its position as a leader in all matters related to electro-plating, brass and metal finish work. Mr. Alexander, who is a native

of Scotland, and a thoroughly-expert electro-plater, succeeded to the business of Mr. Hill at the present location in 1891. His well-equipped shop on the second floor of the Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.'s Building has every facility for prompt thorough work in this line. He handles special contracts for leading manufacturers of this section, and guarantees uniformly the highest standard of work. General silver, gold, nickel and copper electro-plating, polishing of all kinds, brass finish and pattern-making are among the special lines handled in the best manner. Old goods are renovated and made equal to new and also repair work at very lowest prices. A specialty is made of harness trimmings to order, and those goods have met with wide success. For careful and prompt attention, superior workmanship and liberal prices our readers will find this reliable establishment most worthy of patronage at all times.

N. P. DANIELS, 25 Asylum Street; Mercantile Job Printing.—As representative of the high perfection to which the art of printing has attained, the printing establishments of Hartford will bear the closest comparison with those of any leading American city. Here every branch of the business is well represented, and every class of work is done in the most acceptable manner. Among these progressive houses that of Mr. N. P. Daniels stands out prominently as truly representative of the advanced methods and high state of perfection of the modern printing establishment. Mr. Daniels began business in this city in 1885, but had previously had a long and valuable practical experience as a printer of the new school. Consequently he came immediately into notice, and at once secured the recognition due to such services as he extends. He has an unusually well-fitted office at No. 25 Asylum Street, the equipments and appliances being all of the latest and best designs, and he is, therefore, in a position to perform quick and thoroughly satisfactory work. His office is on the second floor of the Post Building, and contains about six hundred square feet of space. He makes a specialty of neat and attractive mercantile jobwork, programme printing, etc. His prices are as low as fine work and good material will admit, and he is prepared to furnish estimates on short notice, guaranteeing prompt service and perfect satisfaction.

FINE HALF-TONE WORK.

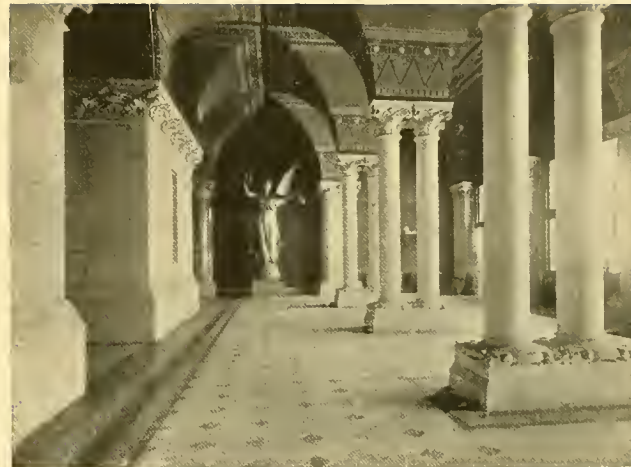
THE HARTFORD ENGRAVING CO.,

No. 66 STATE STREET,

COURANT BUILDING.



BEACH & CO., Dyes, Dye Stuffs; Importers and Commission Merchants; Nos. 372-4 Atlantic Avenue, Boston.—Among the substantial business houses which have been most influential during the past half-century in advancing the business prosperity of Hartford special mention should be made of the old reliable house of Messrs. Beach & Co., importers and commission merchants. They were established in 1836, and for nearly sixty years no other house has been so influential in the progress of the trade in dye stuffs and extracts throughout this section. The home office is at Hartford, but they have also an office and large importing warehouse at 372-374 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. Their wholesale and jobbing trade extends to all parts of New England, also to Canada and the West. The firm consists of Messrs. George Beach, Charles M. Beach, T. Belknap Beach and George W. Beach. Mr. Charles M. Beach is Treasurer of the Broad Brook Mills, and Mr. George W. Beach, President of the Beach Manufacturing Co. at Beacon Falls, Hartford. Besides their own extensive product in dyes and dye stuffs, they are also very heavy importers in dye woods, indigo extracts and other goods in this line. They are American agents for the British Alizarine Co., the Atlas Works Aniline Dyes, Mucklow's Elton Fold Dyeing Extracts, and have received for years the great bulk of cochineal consumed in this country, the same bearing their brand name of "J. R. G." In the volume of their trade and the high standard of their goods, maintained for two generations, they stand at the head and front of this branch of industry in the United States. Their trade connections and importing facilities reach to every part of the world.

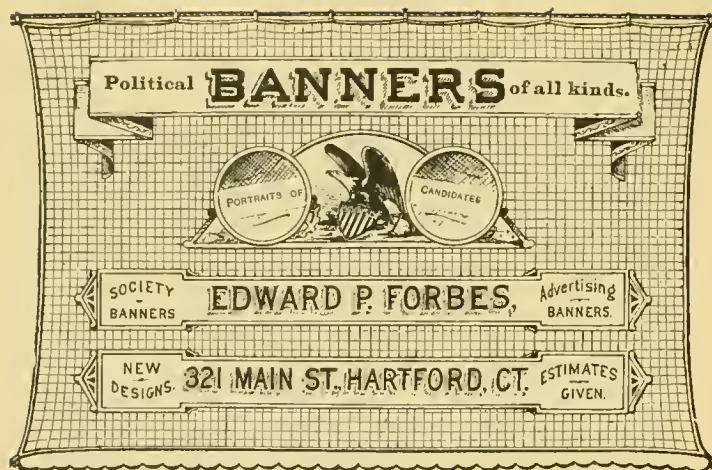


IN CORRIDOR, CAPITOL

THE HARTFORD LUMBER CO., No. 17 Albany Avenue.—One of the best and most favorably known firms in its line of business in this State is The Hartford Lumber Co. at No. 17 Albany Avenue. And this house ought to be well known, for not only are its transactions immense and its trade of great importance, but it has also been far-sighted enough to keep its name before the public by a system of judicious advertising, which has doubtless had much to do with its success. It was founded thirty-five years ago by Messrs. J. W. Starkweather & Co., who were succeeded by the present firm six years ago. The officers of this company are as follows: Thomas A. Lake, President; Everett A. Lake, Secretary; Geo. W. Hill, Treasurer. Their spacious yards cover three acres of ground, and a very heavy stock of the various goods dealt in is at all times on hand. All orders will receive prompt and careful attention, and will be filled with the best goods at the lowest market rates. Mr. Thomas Lake, President of this company, also owns a lumber yard at Rockville, Conn., and his goods are shipped all over Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Mr. Everett A. Lake, the younger member of the firm, has recently graduated from Harvard College. Mr. Thomas A. Lake was a member of the Legislature at one time, and Mr. Geo. W. Hill was formerly in the lumber business at Burlington, Vt. Employment is given to from fifteen to twenty capable assistants, and an extensive trade is successfully handled.



OFFICES BOARD OF EDUCATION, CAPITOL.



EDWARD P. FORBES, Signs and Banners, No. 321 Main Street.—Sign painting has developed into an art in recent years, or rather it has resumed its place among the arts, since in the olden time a signboard was a creation requiring a great amount of talent and artistic ability in its production, whereas for a long period and until a comparatively recent date the severely practical almost entirely took the place of the decorative and attractive in sign-writing. Men wanted merely an announcement of their names and the character of their business, caring little in what shape it was put so that it was legible and not actually uncouth. Many examples of these are still to be found side by side with the artistic creations of the modern school of sign writers, and the contrast certainly makes the attractiveness of the latter the more pronounced. Those who are familiar with the work done by Mr. Edward P. Forbes, the leading sign writer of Hartford, cannot have failed to note the striking difference between his production and those of an earlier day. Mr. Forbes has been located in Hartford for the past fifteen years, and during that time he has done his part toward working a revolution in the character and quality of the signboards of the city. He does not, however, devote his attention exclusively to this branch, for as a decorator he has a very large and appreciative patronage in Hartford and vicinity. He also excels as a designer and painter of advertising, political and variety banners, in the making of flags of all nations, shields, eagles, coats of arms, &c., carrying a large stock at all times, for sale or to rent, for decorating public and private halls and buildings. This stock is new and first-class in every particular. Mr. Forbes also makes a specialty of standard American bunting and silk flags, Sunday-school banners, &c., making special designs in the latter to order. Old flags may also be left to be repaired at his establishment, No. 321 Main Street, where the services of six expert workmen are always at the command of customers.

PRATT & WHITNEY CO., Manufacturers of Machinery and Tools.—Among the representative manufacturing enterprises of this city that conducted by the Pratt & Whitney Company enjoys a reputation that is scarcely equaled by that of any other house devoted to the same line of trade in the country. The company is among the largest and most notable manufacturers of machinery and tools in the United States, its products being found in every market on the continent and enjoying an extensive sale in foreign countries. The Pratt & Whitney Company was organized in 1869 with a capital stock of \$350,000, since increased to \$500,000 by the demands of its large and constantly-extending business. There are so many special lines made by the firm, and each of them possesses such superior merit, that it is impossible within the limitations of our space to make even an enumeration of them. It may be said generally that they embrace planing and drilling machines, engine and monitor lathes, reaming and grinding machines, bolt cutters and die sinkers, band-sawing machines, drop hammers, punching pressers, cutters for teeth of gear wheels, and in fact a great variety of standard and special metal-working machinery and tools of all descriptions. Their plant includes a four-story brick building, 225 feet by 45 feet, with a combined floor area of 40,500 square feet; another building, also of brick, three stories high and 146 feet long by 42 feet deep, which was erected in 1881 for heavy machine work; a third brick building, four stories high, which was finished in 1888, and is used for storage purposes, and a two-story brick building erected in 1891 to provide additional manufacturing facilities. Four engines of a combined horse-power of two hundred are required to operate the plant, and an average force of 950 men, including many experts and specialists, is employed. The plant is heated throughout by steam and lighted by electricity or gas. The officers of the company are among the most representative men of Hartford, the President being Mr. F. A. Pratt; the Vice-President and Superintendent, Mr. Amos Whitney; the Secretary, Mr. R. F. Blodgett, and the Treasurer, Mr. Geo. W. M. Reed.

E. H. BETTS, Wholesale Dealer in Salt and Salt Fish, Cheese, Lard and Brooms; Agent for the Genesee Salt; No. 216 State Street.—From its commanding central location Hartford possesses advantages and facilities for the collection and distribution of produce. Its provision business is among its most important wholesale commercial interests, and the houses engaged in it are among the most prominent in the Eastern States. A well-known merchant in this field of mercantile enterprise is Mr. E. H. Betts, who carries on a large and steadily-growing business, making specialties of salt, salt fish, cheese, lard and brooms. His offices and warehouse are at No. 216 State Street. Mr. Betts has controlled this important enterprise for the past ten years, and the business itself is one of the earliest established in the Connecticut Valley, its beginning dating back to 1812. Mr. Betts is agent for the celebrated Genesee Salt, and has a very large trade in this commodity, as well as in salt fish, canned meats, and the other important products above enumerated.



RETREAT FOR THE INSANE.



SOUTH ANNEX—RETREAT FOR THE INSANE.



THE COTTAGES—RETREAT FOR THE INSANE.

JONES & LITTLE, Pattern and Model Makers, No. 33 Wells Street.—A class of work calling for the highest skill and wide mechanical experience and knowledge is that of the pattern and model maker; and in such a city as Hartford, where manufacturing interests are numerous and varied, the services of the expert in this field are in large and constant demand. None but the most skillful and finished workman can hope to succeed here, and the prosperity which has attended the enterprise of Messrs. Jones & Little is therefore the best evidence that could be adduced in proof of their superiority and competence as makers of patterns and models. The firm is one of long and high standing, the foundations of its splendid business having been laid in 1873. Their establishment at No. 33 Wells Street is equipped in the best manner for the execution of all work in their line, their facilities enabling them to undertake the most intricate patterns or most difficult models. They employ twelve skilled workmen and do a large shop-jobbing business. They make all descriptions of patterns in a first-class manner, employing only kiln-dried lumber. A specialty is made of cutting blocks of all kinds from the best seasoned maple for the use of envelope manufacturers, cloth cutters, etc.; they also give special attention to gear patterns and cogging. Messrs. Jones & Little have a most extensive trade throughout the United States and Canada, and are the recognized leaders in their line.

MURRAY BROS., Practical Plumbers and Gasfitters, No. 119½ Main Street, Between Buckingham and Capitol Avenue.—The public has heard and read so much on the subject of sanitary plumbing in recent years that it cannot fail to appreciate the great importance of the subject in its practical aspect, and the plumber who does not keep fully abreast of the times in this manner of sanitation is nowhere in the race for popular favor. Messrs. Murray Bros. of No. 119½ Main Street (The Linden Building), knowing that the public demands thorough and perfect work in this direction, have prepared themselves in the most practical manner to meet the requirements for scientific work in their department of industry. They have been established in Hartford about seven years, and have occupied their present quarters for some twelve months. Their establishment is well-equipped in every respect, and those who entrust work to them may rest assured that it will receive prompt attention and be executed in a highly-satisfactory manner. The firm, which consists of Messrs. Charles and John F. Murray, are thoroughly practical plumbers and gasfitters. They carry at all times a complete stock of boilers, bath tubs, closets, sinks, etc., the latest improved devices in these lines having a conspicuous place in the stock.

C. W. PRATT, Ladies' Furnishings, Cloaks and Suits, Nos. 403 to 407 Main Street.—One of the most enterprising business houses in this part of the State, and one in whose history and business methods are brilliantly set forth the sure results of energetic, honorable and persevering work, is the well-known establishment represented and conducted by C. W. Pratt. The

present proprietor assumed control of the business in 1889 and has since carried it forward with great ability and merited success. The premises occupied at Nos. 403 to 407 Main Street comprise two connecting stores, 45 x 85 feet in size. The stock includes ladies' furnishings, cloaks and suits, a specialty being made of the latter. One may find here very stylish cloaks of all kinds, and suits, the style of which are the very latest and the prices the very lowest that can be named, especially when one considers the time saved in buying such garments ready-made. Ten competent assistants are constantly employed to meet the growing demands of the trade. Mr. Pratt is a native of Saybrook, Conn., and is very well known throughout this city and State. His undertaking has long held a leading position among other establishments of its kind in this vicinity, and it is but fair to say that its enviable reputation is fully maintained to the present day. All are invited to call and inspect the many bargains constantly offered here whether they desire to purchase or not.

Book and Catalogue Work.



THE HARTFORD ENGRAVING CO.,

— No. 66 STATE STREET,

COURANT BUILDING.

JOSEPH KASHMANN, Dealer in Meats, Poultry, Fish and Vegetables, No. 26 Mulberry Street.—Among the many houses in Hartford that carry a superior grade of meats, poultry, fish and vegetables, that of Mr. Joseph Kashmann, located at No. 26 Mulberry Street, deserves special mention. The store, which is 25 x 40 feet in dimensions, is admirably arranged for the trade, having all necessary facilities for carrying on the business. Three courteous and obliging assistants are constantly employed, while the stock comprises all kinds of the choicest cuts of meats, fine poultry and fresh fish and vegetables in their season. Mr. Kashmann has had a long experience in the business to which he devotes his close personal attention, thus ensuring perfect satisfaction in all respects to his numerous patrons. His prices will be found as reasonable for the quality of goods dealt in as any in this section, while particular attention is given to the careful filling of all orders and their prompt delivery. Mr. Kashmann's market is located at No. 26 Mulberry Street, and is well patronized and very popular throughout the city. We can recommend it to our many readers as a reliable place at which to trade. The proprietor is very well and favorably known, and well deserves the success attained.



SENATE CHAMBER, CAPITOL.



THE HARTFORD COFFEE HOUSE CO., No. 8 Central Row, was formed to do a work of philanthropy on a business basis, and is an outcome of the temperance work of Mr. Thos. E. Murphy in the spring

of 1893. It was at the start an experiment, and sought to give men trying to break away from the saloon influence a place for social intercourse with one another with the freedom of the club or saloon and in a pure, moral atmosphere. The purpose was to have it non-partisan, non-sectarian, yet controlled by high standards of morality and Christian purpose. The social and pool rooms occupy the entire second floor of the fine, commodious building at No. 8 Central Row, 30 feet wide by 150 feet deep. The rooms have a large variety of reading matter, piano, game and pool tables, the finest in the city. The restaurant is on the main floor, comprising a very attractive suite of rooms, where for a reasonable price the very best food is served in an inviting manner. The manager, Mr. George S. Ayer, has with him a competent chef and able corps of assistants, and his efficient management has established an excellent and increasing patronage, so that the permanency of the business is assured. The whole enterprise, in both departments, has the hearty support of all because of its meritorious service and the object of the establishment. The company has a paid-up capital of \$5,000 (in shares of \$25 each), and is controlled by the following Board of Directors: James M. Thomson, firm of Brown, Thomson & Co.; George L. Chase, President Hartford Fire Insurance Co.; Rufus N. Pratt, President Pratt & Cady Co.; Amos Whitney, Superintendent Pratt & Whitney Co.; Jacob L. Greene, President Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Gilbert W. Chapin, Actuary Society for Savings; Ellis G. Richards, Secretary National Fire Insurance Co.; Wm. H. Watrous, President Wm. Rogers Mfg. Co.; Chas. E. Billings, President Billings & Spencer Co.; Rev. Henry Ferguson, Professor, Trinity College; Justus P. Lewis, Superintendent Pratt & Cady Co.; James Ahern, Rev. Francis Goodwin, Mrs. B. M. Parsons, Mrs. B. E. Hooker. The officers are: Rufus N. Pratt, President; Ellis G. Richards, Secretary; Gilbert W. Chapin, Treasurer.

HENRY J. ZWEYGARTT, Connecticut Seed-Leaf Tobacco, No. 221 State Street.—The business of packing and shipping leaf tobacco of Connecticut growth is one of the largest consequence in this city, involving the investment of large capital and the exercise of enterprise and abilities of a high order. In fact it may be said that this is one of Hartford's chief industries, giving employment to an army of men and adding much to the commercial greatness of the city. A prominent factor in this business is Mr. Henry J. Zweygartt, whose large warehouse is located at No. 221 State Street. Although born in Germany, Mr. Zweygartt came to this country as a boy, and his earliest recollections of the United States are connected with the tobacco trade. He worked at the business as a boy, and when he had attained to the years of manhood he embarked in business on his own account as a retail dealer in cigars and tobacco. His enterprise thrived, and in course of time he branched out as a wholesale merchant, being now one of the largest and most successful in the city. He has now been identified with the trade for forty years. His establishment at the above address has a frontage of 25 feet and a depth of 100 feet. His business is that of a packer, no sorting being done in his establishment. A force of six competent assistants is employed.

J. B. MERROW & SONS, No. 133 Sheldon Street, in this City, are engaged principally in manufacturing special machinery for finishing the edges of fabrics. The original house, founded in 1838, was the pioneer in the knitting industry of this country, its knitting factory, built where the Village of Merrow has since sprung up, being the first knitting mill erected and operated in the United States. The Merrow System of Crocheting Machinery and Methods was originated by Mr. J. M. Merrow, a member of the present firm, and the machines at first adapted to limited uses were used in the knitting mill at Merrow, but have since been continuously developed and improved until at the present time the firm is building more than thirty varieties of machines especially adapted to as many different purposes, some of which are far removed from the knitting industry. This firm abandoned the knitting business upon the destruction of their knitting mill by fire, since which time their careful and concentrated attention has been devoted to the development and manufacture of their line of machinery, unique in its methods and purposes. Since locating in Hartford, this firm has established a department devoted to building fine machinery to order.

DE WITT C. POND, Bookseller and Stationer; Dealer in Newspapers and Periodicals; No. 301 Main Street, Phoenix Bank Building.—It is said that a lady may be known by her gloves and her boots, and a gentleman by his linen, the idea being, of course, that good breeding is manifested more especially in minor details of the toilet than in the wearing of expensive garments, and the same principle applies to the stationery used in social correspondence, for as a rule the best-bred persons are the most careful to avoid anything cheap or commercial appearing in the paper and envelopes they use. Showy and gaudy stationery is to be shunned of course, but it is easy to secure appropriate writing-paper and envelopes by patronizing a store where a specialty is made of fashionable stationery, and such a store may be found at No. 301 Main Street, in the Phoenix Bank Building, Mr. De Witt C. Pond being proprietor. He is a native of Vermont, has been a member of the Council for two years; and for six years thereafter a member of the Board of Aldermen, and President of the same for two years; member of the Auditing Committee for seven years, and Chairman of the same for six. The business was established thirty-five years ago by Messrs. Gier & Pond, but since 1884 has been under the sole control of Mr. Pond. The store occupied measures 70 x 30 feet in size, and the finest line of stationery in Hartford will be found here. Mr. Pond deals in books of all kinds, also newspapers and periodicals. Employment is given to four polite assistants, and prompt and careful attention is thus secured to every caller.

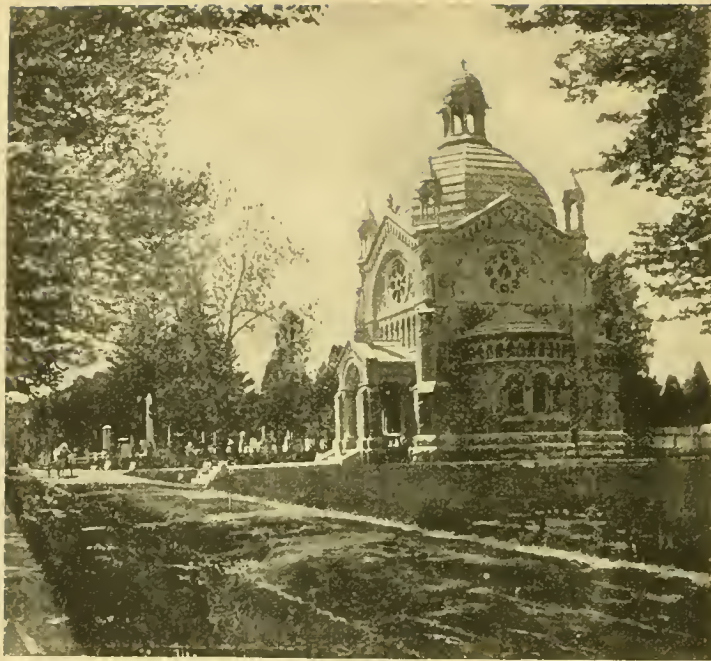
NEWTON, ROBERTSON & CO., Dealers in Fancy Groceries and Fruits, Nos. 338-342 Asylum Street.—The standards of trade in our progressive country are constantly advancing, and intelligent people now demand much more from the best stores than was the case even ten years ago. An establishment which has demonstrated its ability to meet the very best and

widest demands of the trade in its line is that of Messrs. Newton, Robertson & Co., dealers in fine groceries and fruits, Nos. 338-342 Asylum Street, Hartford. The firm began business at their present store in 1886, and the only change has been the admission of Mr. H. H. Dickinson as a partner in 1893. The two original members, Mr. J. P. Newton and Mr. W. P. Robertson have had charge of the business from the first, and their wide and thorough acquaintance with the trade is demonstrated by the success which has made this the largest and best store of its kind in the city. The firm occupy a handsomely-equipped store building 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, and are provided with the most complete refrigerating and delivery facilities. Their large trade requires eighteen regular employees and seven delivery teams. Their stock of fine family groceries includes all the standard lines of the very best quality and at lowest current prices. A very extensive business is handled in foreign and domestic fruits, direct from the producers, and the reputation gained by the house in this as well as other lines is of the very highest type. In extent of stock and trade, both wholesale and retail, they rank among the very first in the State, and their facilities naturally make them able to secure exceptional bargains for their patrons. The unvarying high standard maintained and uniform liberal dealings fully explain the commanding position which has been won by this well-known house.

STEPHEN MASLEN, Monuments, No. 352 Asylum Street.—The taste and appreciation for artistic work in all directions has been steadily increasing during the past few decades, and one of the most important ways in which this has been shown is that of sculptured and monumental stone work. An establishment of this kind which for many years has maintained the first position at this centre of the State is that of Mr. Stephen Maslen, No. 352 Asylum Street. The business was established by Mr. Maslen in 1870, and has been under his charge without change from the first. Complete and modernly-equipped warerooms, comprising two floors 30 x 125 feet, are occupied at the above address, and the stone-working and carving shops in connection are the most extensive of their kind in the State. Mr. Maslen also owns and operates a valuable quarry in Vermont, and employs, all told, an average of sixty men. The extensive variety of monuments and gravestones kept on hand will compare most favorably from the standpoint of art and of price with the largest displays in cities like New York and Boston. He can not only fill orders of this kind at short notice and in the most satisfactory manner, but his facilities also include fine architectural stone-work, facades, entablatures, etc.; in fact, everything in the way of sculptured stone, his services being constantly sought by leading architects, both for executing their own and to furnish original designs. Situated, as he is, near the State Capitol (for which, by the way, he furnished some special and beautiful work), Mr. Maslen's establishment is familiar to prominent people throughout the State, and fine specimens of his workmanship extend an honorable and well-earned fame to all parts of it as well as to adjoining States. Our readers can rely upon obtaining the very best service and fair treatment at this leading and important representative of Hartford's solid institutions.



ASYLUM STREET.



ALLYN MEMORIAL, SPRING GROVE CEMETERY.

P. A. BROOKS, Carpenter and Builder; All Jobbing Promptly Attended To; Shop, No. 114 Grove Street; Residence, No. 366 Maple Avenue.—Hartford is renowned throughout New England and the country in general for the exceptionally fine character of its public and private buildings. It is, therefore, evident that it enjoys a superior line of service in this department. Among the best-known and successful carpenters and builders of Hartford, Mr. P. A. Brooks has for the past twelve years held a recognized place. Since 1882 he has carried this business steadily forward here, and has made it second to none in this section, either in high standard of workmanship or large volume of trade executed. His well-equipped shop at No. 114 Grove Street (30 x 65 feet) is fitted out with every convenience and facility in this line. He employs, on the average, twenty reliable men. Complete estimates, plans and specifications are furnished for every kind of modern edifice, a specialty being made of fine residences. He has handled many important contracts, and left the best of evidence as to his ability and skill on some of the very hand-somest and largest buildings in the city. Jobbing and repair work of all kinds

promptly attended to. Mr. Brooks' figures will be found uniformly reasonable and fair. His guarantee of fine grade and reliable workmanship in every detail, as well as first-class material, will be found, as it has been for years, to stand for the very best standards in this department of local trade.

P. & J. BESSE, Caterers; French Pastry, Confectionery, Etc.; No. 239 Main Street, Hartford; No. 167 Tremont Street, Boston; Telephone Connection.—It would be difficult to name a more popular establishment in the City of Hartford, or perhaps one that is quite as popular, as that of Messrs. P. & J. Besse, the prominent caterers of 239 Main Street. A finer store is not to be found in the city, and it is a fitting container for the superior and delicate products of this celebrated firm. The Messrs. Besse were born in Switzerland, but became citizens of the United States twenty-two years ago. Eleven years since they embarked in their present enterprise and have made of it one of the most prosperous businesses of its kind in this section of the country. As caterers they have a large and valuable patronage which comes largely from the elite of the city, and they are prepared to furnish the most desirable menus, service, &c. for weddings, receptions and other private entertainments. The most delicious ice creams, both American and French, are made by the Messrs. Besse, and they are highly celebrated for their choice French pastry, confectionery, &c. At their store on Main Street, which is 20 x 72 feet in dimensions, they employ an average of fourteen assistants, and keep three delivery wagons in commissions. They have a similar and equally-popular establishment at No. 167 Tremont Street, Boston.

F. S. AMIDON, Manufacturer of Wire Door and Window Screens, No. 26 Union Place.—It is a regrettable fact that insect life is more prolific on the sea coast and neighboring sections than in the interior, and that the winged portion of the insect kingdom is so persistent in seeking entrance to our domiciles. But man has proved himself in this, as in all cases where he has been brought into conflict with nature, fully equal to the emergency, with the result that no one need suffer the torment which flies and mosquitoes are capable of inflicting, save from choice. In comparatively recent years Yankee ingenuity has devised an effectual and practically permanent barrier to the ingress of these ubiquitous pests, in the shape of a wire successor to the old-fashioned "mosquito bars." Everybody knows it, and nobody who cares for peace and comfort has failed to avail himself of it. But everybody in Hartford may not know the best place to get their wire door and window screens, and it is our purpose to tell them. At No. 26 Union Place Mr. F. S. Amidon has for the past eleven years conducted a factory for the manufacture of these indispensable adjuncts to comfort, having moved there from Sheldon Street where he began his business in 1877. The premises occupied are in a building 30 x 60 feet in ground measurement, and he has additional room in the rear for his paint shop and other purposes. He employs an average of five hands, and turns out everything in the shape of door and window screens at low prices.

MAGICAL DEPOT, Importers and Dealers in Magical Apparatus for Parlor and Stage, No. 284 Asylum Street, Room 3, Second Floor; Call, or send Stamps for Catalogue.—It is one curious development of modern science that while it has destroyed most of our faith in things magical it has at the same time perfected our facilities for reproducing these old illusions. An establishment which well illustrates this fact is the Magical Depot at No. 284 Asylum Street, Hartford, with its varied and extremely-interesting stock of goods in this line. The same is by all odds the largest and best of this sort between Boston and New York. The house are large importers and dealers, carrying a complete line of magical apparatus for the parlor and stage. This includes every kind of stage illusion, mechanical automata, electrical tricks, anti-spiritualistic wonders, conjuring tables, juggling apparatus, ventriloquial figures, novelties, games and handbooks on magic. Entertainments in these departments are also furnished for evening parties, schools, lodges, etc., by competent performers. The manager is a well-known and thoroughly-reliable business man.

JOHN PEPION & CO., House and Sign Painters; Paper Hanging, Graining, Glazing, Etc.; No. 25 Church Street.—With the growth of our country and the increasing artistic development of the people, interior decoration has ceased to be looked upon as a luxury unattainable and unappreciated except by the comparatively few. Year by year the demand is greater for tasteful adornment of our homes, which all are eager to beautify as far as their means will permit. The firm whose card heads this article are acknowledged by all who have seen their work to be in the foremost rank as regards skill and ability. In this connection we may fittingly call attention to the facilities possessed by Messrs. John Pepion & Co. for the execution of all orders for house and sign painting, also paper hanging, graining, glazing, etc., for such work is done the most cheaply where it is done the most skillfully, and the results attained by the above-named gentlemen will bear the closest examination and the most severe comparison with the work of any competent painter, for they use good stock, spare no pains to apply it to the best advantage, and make no exorbitant charges, their terms being as low as is consistent with the methods employed. Mr. John Pepion founded his present business twenty-five years ago. Mr. Pepion is a native of Hartford, and a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Firemen's Benevolent Society, and other orders, and has been an active member and Foreman of the Volunteer Fire Department, doing his duty and giving his services to the citizens on many occasions. Mr. Pepion owns fine business property located at Nos. 17, 19, 23 and 25 Church Street. No. 25 and the yards of Nos. 17, 19 and 25 are utilized for his own business, which is very extensive. He deals in paints, oils, varnishes, also brushes, glass, etc. Employment is given to twenty competent men, and orders will be filled at short notice, and we have no hesitation in assuring complete satisfaction to all who may avail themselves of their service both as regards the quality of the work and the cost and merit of the goods dealt in.



MAIN STREET.

BLAIR & COXETER, Manufacturing Jewelers; Diamond Setting, Repairing: No. 321 Main Street.—There are many houses in the jewelry trade that profess to be manufacturers, but there are very few in this city, at least, which possess the facilities for manufacturing, their only title to the claim being based on the fact that they produce a few specialties, generally of an unimportant character. For that reason the firm of Messrs. Blair & Coxeter stand out prominently in the jewelry trade of Hartford, their operations as manufacturers being conducted on an extensive scale and embracing a large variety of goods. They give particular attention to special work for the trade, having the best and largest facilities for executing prompt and thoroughly satisfactory work. The firm, which consists of Messrs. Robert C. Blair and William G. Coxeter, was established three years ago, and immediately sprang into notice as conscientious, capable and experienced manufacturers. They number among their customers such houses as Messrs. Hansel, Sloan & Co., Mr. David Mayer, Messrs. Schmidt & Fox, and many others in Hartford and other Connecticut cities. They have a finely-equipped shop at No. 321 Main Street, the space occupied being 25 x 60 feet in dimensions, and they employ an average of four skilled assistants. They manufacture everything in the line of jewelry, and make a specialty of fine work.

ÆTNA STAMP WORKS, No. 25 Asylum Street.—The success of the Ætna Stamp Works in establishing a successful and continually-growing business in Hartford demonstrates their marked ability in the manufacture and sale of rubber stamps and accessories, cellulotypes (printing plates made of celluloid) and stereotypes (type metal printing plates). The reasons for this success are long experience, skill and originality in design, both in style and mechanical combinations to produce desired results. When they commenced business they purchased all material and machinery new and of the most recent and improved designs. Within three years they increased their facilities by adding the largest-made and only steam-boiler stamp machine in Hartford. To the original intent of the duplicating of printers' type, borders, ornaments and cuts in rubber they have added the duplication of it in type metal, and also celluloid—which has all the sharpness of electrotypes and wears twice as long. Ten years ago there were only two stamp makers in Connecticut. Since then the business has been revolutionized. Now there are four in Hartford, and about every large town has at least one, composed usually of printers who use their type both for printing and stamp making. (Printers' type is a soft metal, composed of lead, tin and antimony, and wears quickly when printed from.) The Ætna Stamp Works have held firmly to the original decision to never use their new type to print from, and consequently they are now the only duplicators in Hartford of all new printers' type never used to print from. However much the standard quality of rubber stamps has generally deteriorated, with the new machinery and increased facilities it has continually risen with the Ætna Stamp Works, and they now make a better stamp than ever before could be obtained in the State.

H. MAERCKLEIN, Upholsterer; Furniture Made to Order, and Repairing a Specialty; Inventor and Manufacturer of the "Simplicity" Sofa and Lounge Bed; Nos. 92 to 98 Asylum Street (Second Floor).—It cannot be denied that there are many very decided advantages to be gained by placing orders for any kind of work in the hands of thoroughly reliable and experienced men, who make a specialty of that particular class of work. This is especially true of upholstery, in which the very best results are obtained by having your work done by a man who is a specialist in the line, such as Mr. H. Maercklein, the well-known upholsterer of Nos. 92 to 98 Asylum Street. He has been prominent in this department of business since the beginning of his enterprise here in 1872, and in the intervening twenty-two years he has built up a very large and lucrative trade through his skill and ability. Mr. Maercklein is the inventor and manufacturer of the celebrated "Simplicity" sofa and lounge bed, which has a very large sale. His store and workrooms occupy a space of 40 x 60 feet, and are well-equipped with appliances and tools for the prompt execution of first-class work. His specialties, besides those above mentioned, are the making of furniture to order and repairing. Mr. Maercklein has a long experience in first-class artistic drapery work. All work is done promptly and satisfaction is guaranteed.

R. S. PECK & CO., Printers, Engravers, Embossers, No. 14 Ford Street.—The gradual extension of art to the widest practical service is nowhere more clearly seen than in the printing and engraving trades. A house which has for some time taken recognized leadership in this department of local business is that under the management of R. S. Peck & Co. at No. 14 Ford Street. It was established in 1877, and first known as the Star Printing Company. After some minor changes, it passed under its present energetic control in 1891, and much of its progress has been made since that time. Mr. R. S. Peck is a native of the State, and a thorough master of all matters relating to printing, engraving and embossing work. The establishment has been entirely refitted, and is now one of the largest and best in Connecticut. It covers three floors of a modern brick structure, 50 x 110 feet in dimensions. There are eight large presses, operated by electric power, and the corps of employees averages thirty-five. Each department has been carefully brought to the best modern standard of efficiency and artistic thoroughness. The finest class of commercial and social printing done in this section, and equal to that of the best New York houses, is handled here at figures deserving the careful attention of all our readers. Artistic office stationery, cards, circulars and catalogues, also social forms, invitations and programmes are among the specialties in which the highest satisfaction is guaranteed. Special designs in steel and copper-plate, and the most delicate embossing work, are executed in a great variety of styles. Many of our readers in the central part of the State may not be aware that they can secure the most refined and artistic work in this department here at home without sending to New York, in which case they will do well to try the first-class facilities of this house, saving thereby both time and money.



-CITY HOSPITAL.

THE ALLYN HOUSE (Robert Allyn, Proprietor), Corner Asylum and Trumbull Streets.—No information is of higher value to the traveling public, and none is more eagerly sought, than that relating to the hotels afforded by the various cities on their route. In view of its importance as the capital city of the State, and the centre of great manufacturing and commercial interests, Hartford always has a large floating population, and to those who may at any time have occasion to visit the city as well as to those who may be permanently located here, and prefer the comforts and conveniences of hotel residence, some information concerning the leading hotel of the city will be most welcome. The Allyn House, the hotel referred to, is an old-established and most popular hostelry, of which Mr. Robert Allyn is the founder and proprietor. It is conducted on the most advanced lines, and in every department the most intelligent care for the comfort of guests is displayed. Mr. Allyn is a hotel man of ripe experience, and knows thoroughly how to promote the well-being and contentment of those who live under his roof, temporarily or permanently. The Allyn House is located at the corner of Asylum and Trumbull Streets, close to the principal business centres and but two blocks from the railroad depots, horse-cars to and from which pass the door of the hotel every three minutes. The Allyn House is a handsome five-story building with a frontage of 400 feet on Asylum Street, and a depth of 500 feet. It is provided with every modern convenience, including elevators, electric light, telephone and telegraph, and is furnished in a most comfortable and elegant manner. Rooms may be had singly or *en suite*, with bath if desired. A fine new café is attached, and the dining-room is one of the largest and handsomest in the city, its dimensions being 50 x 100 feet. Fifty people are employed in various capacities, and no better or more desirable service is to be had in the country. The Allyn House offers special attractions to commercial men, not only on account of the excellence as a hotel, but because of the special accommodations provided for them in the well-appointed sample rooms placed at their disposal. The Allyn House rates are \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 per day, according to location of room.

N. B. BULL & SON, Sole Agents for Boynton Hot-Air and Hot-Water Furnaces, Winthrop B Ranges, and Dealers in Cooking Ranges, Stoves and Tinware; Tin Roofing, Job Work, Plumbing and Gas Fitting; Nos. 189 and 191 Main Street.—In this climate too much attention cannot be given to the matter of the heating and ventilation of private residences and public buildings. Such a great advance has been made in recent years in the methods and appliances for heating that the problem has been reduced to a very simple proposition, which concerns not the question of the desirability of heaters over ordinary stoves, but the best kind of heater to employ. It requires very little investigation to ascertain that the Boynton Hot-Air and Hot-Water Heaters possess many points which commend them at once to the house owner or to building contractors. In Hartford these celebrated furnaces are to be found at

the establishment of Messrs. N. B. Bull & Son, Nos. 189 and 191 Main Street, who are sole agents for the manufacturers. This enterprising firm does a most extensive business in heating apparatus of all descriptions, including cooking ranges and stoves, and they are also large dealers in tinware, etc. A most important part of their business relates to tin roofing, job work, plumbing and gas fitting. They occupy four floors at the above address, each floor containing about 2,800 square feet of space, or a combined floor space of over 11,000 square feet. An average force of sixteen hands is employed in the different departments, and all business is executed with dispatch. The business was established forty years ago by Mr. Bassett, and after several changes passed into the hands of the present proprietors about four years since. Mr. N. B. Bull is a native of the State, and his son, Mr. G. S. Bull, was born in Meriden. They are active progressive business men, and the high reputation they have attained has been well earned. Messrs. Bull & Son are sole agents for the celebrated Winthrop B Range in all sizes and styles, which is without a superior in the market.

J. B. BURR & CO., Publishers and Printers; Manufacturers of Memorandum Books, Tablets, Prescription Blanks.—The great secret of commercial success is closely allied with the scientific principle of natural selection, namely, in the elimination of every feature not essential and the most complete adaptation of all the facilities at hand in the given line of trade. There is no important business house of Hartford which more strikingly illustrates this great principle than that of J. B. Burr & Co., publishers, printers and manufacturers of special trade stationery. Established in 1856, and carried steadily forward since without interruption, this house necessarily possesses a familiar command and thorough acquaintance with every detail of this line of American trade, which would be impossible to one with less extended experience and success. The main office and workrooms of the company cover two floors of a modernly-constructed building (60 x 100 feet), and are equipped with a costly and thoroughly-perfected plant of steam presses, binders, cutters and similar machines. Its average working corps consists of twenty people, and it also has traveling salesmen reaching to all parts of the United States as well as to Canada. In addition to its general line of publishing and printing—the same being universally recognized as of the best New England standard—it also makes a special feature of the manufacture of memorandum books, tablets, prescription blanks and similar trade stationery. Its pads and tablets are widely known for their superior grade of paper, the house using the very best in the market, including the Fanfulas, Woronoco bond in assorted colors, and the finest quality of American and imported linens. They also manufacture a larger amount of prescription blanks than any other house in New England, their prices being exceptionally liberal. Dealers can place the most complete reliance on all goods bearing the mark of this old and leading house, and will find them unsurpassed for quick and steady sales by any in the American market.



ALLYN HOUSE, CORNER ASYLUM AND TRUMBULL STREETS.

A. F. TILTON, Merchant Tailor; A Fine Assortment of Foreign and Domestic Goods; No. 237 Main Street.—Though clothes do not make the man, there is no doubt that wearing apparel plays a very conspicuous part in determining his place in the community. The well-dressed man, no matter what his attainments, possesses a very decided advantage over his shabby brother in every walk of life, though the latter may have qualifications of the highest order. We are led to the consideration of this fact by noting the results of the sartorial work of Mr. A. F. Tilton, the prominent merchant tailor of No. 237 Main Street. The most prosperous and the best-dressed men of this city are numbered among his customers; and, although he has been engaged in the business for only two years, he has attracted and is able to hold the best class of patronage. Every garment that comes from his establishment is cut by his own hand, and it must be admitted that there is not a better cutter in the business. His finely-fitted store contains a floor space of about 600 square feet, and is well adapted to the requirements of his business. All the work, save the cutting, is done outside of these premises, and only the most competent hands are employed, while promptness characterizes the execution of all orders. Mr. Tilton always carries a fine and varied assortment of foreign and domestic suitings, giving his customers the widest range of choice. His prices are very low, considering the excellence of the work and the superior quality of the material employed.

A. COHN & CO., Importers and Packers of Leaf Tobacco, No. 142 Water Street, New York.—It is not necessary to request our readers to wade through a mass of dry statistics in order to demonstrate the fact that the leaf-tobacco trade of this country is one of the largest of its principal commercial industries. Those who have a taste for figures may satisfy themselves on this point by reference to readily accessible statistics, while it is unnecessary to remind those who are familiar with the trade through direct dealings of its magnitude and importance. It is to the latter class of readers that this article is particularly addressed, its immediate purpose being to call attention to the facilities enjoyed by the firm of Messrs. A. Cohn & Co. This is one of the largest concerns in the trade, its headquarters being at No. 142 Water Street, New York, while it has an important branch at Hartford. The firm was organized in 1869 and at once assumed a leading position in the trade, not only as packers but as importers of leaf tobacco. They do a heavy business in domestic and imported leaf, carrying an immense stock at their warehouses in New York and Hartford, and shipping to all parts of the United States. The Hartford house at No. 231 State Street is under the management of Mr. Henry Palmer, one of the best-posted men in the business. It occupies a four-story building which has a frontage of twenty-five feet and a depth of one hundred, provided with every facility for the prompt dispatch of business. A force of twenty-five men is employed by the firm. Mr. Palmer is an expert judge of leaf tobacco, having been for many years identified with the business, and as a buyer he has no superior.

F. R. CORDLEY & CO. (Harold C. Sears, Manager)' Bankers and Brokers, Phoenix Bank Building; Telephone No. 11.—The rapidity with which wealth is accumulated in this country is to be accounted for by the fact that not only are Americans as a class better business men, and more indefatigable workers in every field of industry, but that they exercise a greater intelligence in the making of investments. There is a constant and ever-increasing demand for good investment securities, and fortunately the facilities for meeting it keep full pace with the demand. In comparatively recent years this demand has become so marked in the City of Hartford that old methods of dealing through banking and brokerage firms in Boston and New York have become inadequate, and progressive houses have found it more than expedient to locate branch offices here. Among the most prominent of these firms is that of Messrs. F. R. Cordley & Co., a leading banking and brokerage house of New York, Boston and Chicago. Their headquarters are in Boston, but they carry on operations in the Stock Exchanges of the three cities, being members of each. Their Hartford office, which is under the able management of Mr. Harold C. Sears, is in the Phoenix Bank Building, a most convenient and central location, and is connected with private wires direct to Boston, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. All commissions are promptly and faithfully conducted on the exchanges of these cities at the lowest rates allowed to be charged by the various boards.

RANSOM N. FITZ GERALD, Commission Merchant, No. 142 State Street.—A house that contributes its full share to the importance of the City of Hartford as a commercial centre is that controlled by Mr. Ransom N. Fitz Gerald, the well-known and prosperous commission merchant of No. 142 State Street. The history of this house is one of continuous growth from the date of its inception in 1872 to the present time, the ability and energy that have been brought to bear in its management being of the character which invariably achieves success. The original firm was Messrs. Bronson & Fitz Gerald, but since 1893 it has been conducted by Mr. Fitz Gerald alone and with even more marked success than had previously attended its career. Mr. Fitz Gerald does an exclusively wholesale and commission business, handling on a large scale salt, salt fish and canned goods, poultry, game, Connecticut River shad, and Block Island fish, making leading specialties of the latter. At one time the firm controlled over three-fourths of the Connecticut River shad catch; but, owing to the growing scarcity of this once plentiful fish in these waters, Mr. Fitz Gerald now gives comparatively little attention to that branch of trade. His business extends throughout New England, three traveling salesmen representing the house on the road. The establishment occupies five floors, each 25 x 125 feet in dimensions, and they are all heavily stocked. Mr. Fitz Gerald has been a member of the Common Council, and at present is a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, is a 32d Degree Mason, and is at the head of the Scottish Rite bodies in this city.



BUILDING OF NATIONAL MACHINE CO. AND THORNE TYPE-SETTING MACHINE CO.

FLORAL BAZAAR (C. C. Munsell, Proprietor), Cut Flowers, No. 87 Trumbull Street.—The business carried on by Mr. C. C. Munsell, and known as the "Floral Bazaar," at No. 87 Trumbull Street, was established in 1890 by him. He is a native of this town and served one year in the Twenty-second Regiment, C. V., is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is well known not only in this section but among florists and flower lovers and gardeners throughout the country, having been in this same kind of business for the past twenty years. Mr. Munsell is a dealer in cut flowers, making a specialty of floral designs. Choice seasonable cut flowers can be furnished in practically any desired quantities at very short notice, together with table, house and church decorations, artistic, appropriate and novel designs for weddings, balls and parties, funeral emblems; and, in short, designs especially adapted to any of the innumerable uses to which flowers are now put. Mr. Munsell has the best of facilities, carries a large and varied stock of flowers, employs skilled assistants, and has had such experience as to fully qualify him to place his work in competition with the very best in the land. Orders are filled promptly in the latest styles and at reasonable prices, and a fairly comprehensive trial order will convince the most skeptical that Mr. Munsell is prepared to furnish a service second to none in the country. Choice singing birds and cages can also be bought here.

L. S. RISLEY, Ph. G., Pharmacist, No. 385 Capitol Avenue.—It is very natural that particular confidence should be placed in a druggist who is thoroughly educated in his business, for, although we are happy to say that the large majority of our Hartford pharmacists are educated, competent and reliable men, still there is a prevailing impression that he who fills such a responsible and exacting position as that held by a dispenser of drugs and medicines to the public cannot know too much concerning the properties and effects of the agents he handles. Consequently, the popularity of the establishment conducted by Mr. L. S. Risley at No. 385 Capitol Avenue is not to be wondered at in the least, for Mr. Risley is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and a master of his profession. He is a native of Connecticut and has been widely and favorably known among the Hartford pharmacists since 1889, founding his present establishment in June, 1893. The premises now occupied are very attractive in appearance, being finished in white-china gloss painting, with white-marble soda fountain, and mirror prescription counter, etc., and contain a large and varied stock made up of drugs, medicines, chemicals, toilet articles, and the usual line of selected fancy goods to be found in a druggist's store. The compounding of physicians' prescriptions is given the most careful personal attention, and some of his widely-known specialties are Risley's Pulmonic Syrup, Risley's Nursery Powder, Risley's Headache Powder, etc. We need hardly say that no trouble is spared to avoid the least possible error in any department of the business, while the charges made are very moderate. Careful and intelligent assistants are employed and polite attention is given to every caller.

A. L. BREWSTER, Dealer in Cut Soles, Leather and Findings, French and American Calfskins, No. 186 Pearl Street.—Among the oldest and most reliable establishments which have built up for Hartford its wide prestige as a business centre, special attention is merited by the large successful trade conducted by Mr. A. L. Brewster at No. 186 Pearl Street.—The business was established by Mr. Wiley thirty-five years ago, and after a number of transfers it passed to its present energetic control in 1888. A high standard of reliability and enterprise has been maintained from the first. The store premises occupied are equipped in the most thorough manner, being 26 x 50 feet in general dimensions. A large first-class stock is kept on hand, including every variety of cut soles, heels, taps and leather findings; also morocco, kids, French and American calfskin of the best brands and at bottom prices. The trade is chiefly wholesale and retail. The facilities for prompt careful shipment are unsurpassed, and special bargains and lots are constantly being offered to the trade. Mr. Brewster is a native of this city, and holds a well-earned position among its most careful and progressive merchants. All demands upon his store and stock can be met in the most thorough and satisfactory manner. Our readers interested in this line of trade should not fail to make a trial of his facilities, if desirous of keeping in line with the constant developments of the market.

THE HARTFORD ENGRAVING CO., Photo-Engraving, Half-Tone and Line; Embossing Plates; No. 66 State Street, Courant Building.—Although the art of engraving is the growth of several centuries, its greatest development has been noted within the past twenty-five years. This development is not so much in the line of improvement in the capacity of the engraver as in the methods of reproduction now employed, the results of which are immensely superior to the old-style work, greatly as it was admired in its day. The increased facilities and improvement in processes have greatly diminished the cost of production, with the result that engraving is now in more general use than ever before in the history of the art. The convenience of having close at hand the facilities presented by a fully-equipped establishment is one that is highly appreciated by publishers, merchants and others to whom quick work is a necessity. Formerly those whose business necessitated the employment of the engraver's assistance were compelled to go to New York or Boston to have their orders executed; now they may have all such work done at home as well, if not better, by the Hartford Engraving Company. This concern at No. 66 State Street, in the Courant Building, is complete in every detail, and provided with the most approved apparatus for photo-engraving, half-tone and line work. This company makes a specialty of producing fine half-tone plates on hard-rolled copper, and all its work is guaranteed to give thorough satisfaction, while its charges are as low as those of any New York house for work of similar quality. They have a large and competent force of assistants, and all orders are executed promptly.



UNITED STATES HOTEL, AND POST OFFICE, STATE STREET.

FURLONG & HOWARD, Dealers in Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Spices; Fresh and Salt Meats; Vegetables in their Season; Nos. 818 & 822 Main Street, Corner Canton.—Among the old business houses of this city, which may well be called the corner stones upon which her commercial greatness has been reared, and to whose honorable record and enterprising management and business methods the extensive grocery trade of Hartford is largely due, an important position must be accorded to the house of Messrs Furlong & Howard. The foundation of this extensive and prosperous establishment was laid thirty years ago by Messrs. Douglass & Watrous, who were succeeded by various concerns until the year 1887, when the present firm assumed control. They have successfully continued the business at the old stand, Nos. 818 & 822 Main Street, Corner of Canton, where will be found an extensive stock of choice groceries, teas, coffees, spices, fresh and salt meats, and vegetables in their season. The premises utilized by this firm consist of a double store 60 x 60 feet in size, and the extensive retail trade of this house requires the services of six competent clerks, and all orders are promptly attended to, and goods delivered to any part of the city. The firm is composed of Mr. F. P. Furlong, a native of Hartford, and Mr. D. C. Howard, a native of Connecticut. The reputation of this house for enterprise and liberality is not excelled by any contemporaneous concern here or elsewhere, while the facilities at command of the firm make it one of the most desirable houses in the city with which to establish pleasant and profitable relations.

CITIZENS BUTTER STORE, Butter and Poultry Market; Eggs, Cheese, Poultry and Bakery; No. 159 Asylum Street.—The average housewife finds it a difficult matter to procure at all times really choice butter, or even a fairly-good grade, and this fact has been the source of more trouble between buyer and seller than all other causes of disagreement. It is the same with eggs, which too often fail to sustain the reputation for freshness ascribed to them by the seller. Dealers who desire to avoid complaints—and we take it that none willingly lay themselves liable in this respect—will consult their best interests by securing supplies from the Citizens Butter Store (conducted by Mr. A. W. Yates, the proprietor), which not only does a very extensive retail trade, but makes a specialty of supplying dealers with choice stock at low prices. It is an old-established enterprise, and has long held first place in the estimation of discriminating buyers. It carries a line of butters that is not excelled in quality or flavor by that of any house in the trade, its specialties being the celebrated East Granby creamery and the widely-reputed Vermont creamery butters. It is not excelled as a purveyor of fresh eggs, its supplies being obtained direct from farmers, and there is no question as to their freshness. This establishment also deals extensively in fine poultry and makes a specialty of fresh fruit. It has also a superior stock of cheese and is noted as well for the products of its bakery. The Citizens Butter Store is located at No. 159 Asylum Street, where it has large and convenient quarters and employs an ample staff of capable and obliging assistants.

T. CRONIN, Livery, Hack and Boarding Stables, No. 12 Wells Street.—The success that the livery and boarding stables conducted by Mr. T. Cronin and located at No. 12 Wells Street have attained entitles them to prominent mention among the representative business concerns of Hartford. During the years he has catered to the people of this city, Mr. Cronin has performed the most efficient service, and his is easily one of the most popular establishments of its kind in Hartford. Mr. Cronin takes particular pains to suit all customers, and his turnouts include some of the most stylish rigs, while there is no better stock than the horses he has on hire by the hour, day or week. Employment is given to an efficient staff of assistants, and orders are filled with the utmost promptness and care, such as is not always exercised by liverymen, as most of us know to our cost. Mr. Cronin recognizes the fact that to attract and hold the best class of trade he must be able to furnish the most stylish turnouts, and those who are numbered among his patrons can bear testimony to the fact that he fully meets this requirement in all cases. His stables are conveniently located just off of Main Street, and offer particular attractions to those not having facilities of their own who desire good board for their horses. The best of care is given to such animals, and they are provided with comfortable, well-ventilated and clean quarters, and furnished with the finest feed. Mr. Cronin makes the most reasonable charges for livery or boarding, and can supply at all hours any style of vehicle required, or fine saddle horses if desired.

HALF-DIME LUNCH (D. M. Lawlor); Five Cents Each for All Dishes Served; Prompt Attention, No Waiting; Open from 5.30 A. M. to 11 P. M.; Bread and Pastry All Home-Made; Best Coffee and Tea a Specialty; Everything Neat and Clean; No. 375 Asylum Street.—In a busy, bustling community like the business section of Hartford, facilities for obtaining a quick lunch of wholesome food well prepared and promptly served are a great desideratum, and whenever they are offered they are sure to be taken full advantage of. It does not require much keenness of perception to ascertain that the "Half-Dime Lunch" fills a most important need, for the patronage bestowed upon it is such as would overwhelm any establishment not so well equipped to provide for it. The feature of this popular lunch room, as its name indicates, is that all dishes served cost but five cents each, while the bill of fare is as long and as varied as that presented at restaurants where the prices are four or five times higher. Every one receives prompt attention; there is no waiting, and everything is neat and clean. The bill includes soups of all kinds, roast and boiled meats, stews, and in fact about everything that the average man could want from which to make a selection. The place is bright and attractive, and ample room is provided for a large number of guests, as the lunch room occupies an entire floor, at No. 375 Asylum Street, the dimensions of which are 30 x 50 feet. It should be prominently mentioned that the proprietor, Mr. D. M. Lawlor, makes a specialty of superior coffee and tea, and that all bread and pastry served are home-made.



WASHINGTON STREET.

THE COWLES-COUCH CO., Plumbing and Gas-Fitting,

No. 116 State Street.—The earlier settlers of the Connecticut Valley, who shivered through the long winters—longer in those days than of recent years—could never in their wildest dreams of luxury, convenience and comfort have conceived of half the many comforts now enjoyed by their descendants, and taken by all in these times as a matter of course and almost necessity. Foremost among the many comforts and luxuries of a comparatively few years' standing may be mentioned the heating of houses, blocks, etc., by steam and hot-water systems. Among the many boilers now in use for heating by hot water there are none that possess the qualities of durability, efficiency and economy in the use of fuel to a greater degree than the Gurney Hot-Water Heater. This heater is sold and set in place, connected with a complete line of pipes and radiators, ready for heating any size house or block, and guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every respect, by The Cowles-Couch Co., successors to the two old firms, The L. W. Cowles Co. and G. M. Couch & Co., both of which firms are of many years' standing in Hartford. Mr. Austin Brainerd, the President, is one of Hartford's rising lawyers and business men; Mr. Benjamin E. Cowles, the Manager, has been in the plumbing, steam and gas fitting business for many years, and is a man of large experience in that line and a thoroughly practical man; Mr. George M. Couch, the Treasurer, has had many years of practical experience in tin, sheet-iron and copper work, as also heating by hot air, and is thoroughly posted in these branches of the business. The company's headquarters are at No. 116 State Street, where they have a store 125 feet long and 25 feet wide filled with a well-selected stock of goods in their line. They also have a shop at No. 40 State Street fully equipped with all the latest tools and machines for prosecuting the several branches of their business. In addition to the above, this company has a branch store and shop at No. 59 Church Street, New Britain, Conn., which is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Frank L. Cowles, a man of many years' practical experience in plumbing, steam and gas fitting in both Hartford and New Britain, and well and favorably known in both places. This company employ a large force of competent assistants during the season, and are prepared to attend to all orders, great or small, with promptness and dispatch.

THE NATIONAL MACHINE CO. (C. E. Billings, Presi-

dent; S. M. Bronson, Treasurer and Secretary; H. C. Baker, Vice-President and General Manager), Mechanical Engineers, and Manufacturers of Special Machinery and Tools, No. 581 Capitol Avenue.—The important manufacturing interests centered in Hartford embrace a number of special lines connected with the manufacture of the tools and machinery used in the great industrial enterprises located in the city or its vicinity, the magnitude and scope of which are not exceeded in extent by those presented in any other field of industrial activity. Among the most notable concerns in this department is the National Machine Company, whose business embraces every division of mechanical engineering and the manufacture of special machinery and tools. The com-

pany was incorporated in 1891, and under the able management of such progressive men as the President, Mr. C. E. Billings; the Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. S. M. Bronson; Vice-President and General Manager, Mr. H. C. Baker, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Wm. F. Loomis, has assumed a most important position among the leading manufacturing enterprises of New England. Notable among its special productions is the M. Gally Improved Universal Printing Press, nine of which were exhibited at the Columbian World's Fair in Chicago, and were awarded every prize. The Gally Universal Press is one of the best for jobwork yet put on the market, it being provided with attachments for cutting, creasing, embossing, stamping, etc. Further improvements are about to be added, patents for which are now pending, and the Gally Universal will then be the strongest, fastest and most complete job press ever produced. The National Envelope Company has had specially built for it by the National Machine Company thirty wonderful machines, whose capacity is about 75,000 a day, or fully 20,000 more than any other, doing the cutting, gumming, counting and separating into lots of one hundred. Another valuable device made by this company is the Collum Candy Cooler, than which there is no more perfect time and labor saving machine in the market. Among other important devices which deserve more than passing notice is the Daimber Motor, adapted to marine or stationary use, and which is one of the cheapest, most complete and powerful motors to be found. It is a German invention, patented in this country and manufactured by the National Machine Company. It is made in sizes from one to twelve horse-power, and there is no heat, smell or smoke emitted by it. The offices and shops of the National Machine Company are at No. 581 Capitol Avenue.

NEWTON & BURNET, Dealers in Best Quality of Meat,

Poultry, Game and Vegetables; Fish and Oysters a Specialty; Nos. 341 and 347 Asylum Street.—The firm of Newton & Burnet are widely known and honored as thoroughly reliable dealers in the choicest cuts of meats, etc., and the goods dealt in by the house are guaranteed fresh, it being their constant and wise purpose to always render full return for value received. As a result, though the firm has only been established about a year, having succeeded to the business in 1893 (it having been established in 1872), they have already gained a wide and increasing custom and an honorable name of which any house might well feel proud. They occupy a store 35 x 90 feet in dimensions, it being one of the largest in the city, and employ nineteen clerks. A first-class and very extensive stock of meats, poultry, game and vegetables is constantly kept on hand to supply the best retail trade, and every exertion is made to obtain the rarest and freshest goods at the most moderate prices. A specialty is made of fish and oysters, and these commodities may always be obtained here fresh and of first-class quality. Premises located at Nos. 341 and 347 Asylum Street are utilized, and orders are promptly filled and delivered at the time promised. The firm is composed of Messrs. E. A. Newton and J. G. Burnet (who has been connected with the business nineteen years), both prominent among our most enterprising and reliable business men.



CHARTER OAK PARK.

HARTFORD BUSINESS COLLEGE (T. W. Hannum and E. H. Morse, Principals and Proprietors), No. 370 Asylum Street.—The supreme importance of a business education needs but slight emphasis in these



practical days. It is merely a question of how to secure the most thorough and exact business equipment upon a liberal and reliable basis. To those considering this important question we can most pertinently suggest an

examination of the advantages afforded by that well-known institution—the Hartford Business College, at the corner of High and Asylum Streets. It has now been organized and successfully at work for over eighteen years, and there is not a feature of modern business education and practice which is not adequately represented. It occupies commodious and attractive quarters on the second floor of the Batterson Building, which are fitted up with reference to practical work in the more prominent fields of modern trade, with the addition of banking, commission and transportation departments. The faculty is composed of five well-known teachers, and the annual enrollment is about three hundred and fifty pupils. The scope of the curriculum includes both theory and practice from elementary to the most advanced branches of commercial transactions—viz., commercial arithmetic and spelling, penmanship, book-keeping, commercial law, actual business practice and higher office work; also, for amanuensis training—and an exceptionally satisfactory system of shorthand and practical typewriting. Many details of work gleaned from practical experience are introduced, which are of extreme value to the students in this field. An important feature added in recent years is that represented by the International Business Practice Association, which is composed of the leading business colleges of the United States and Canada, and by which a system of business correspondence involving features of banking, shipping, orders, etc., of great practical value, has been developed and carefully perfected. The Hartford Business College is the only Connecticut college enjoying this advantage. There are other special features which will be found well worth the careful attention of those desiring the best results in this line. The terms of tuition have been placed from the first on a liberal basis, and the high position now occupied by this institution has been won as the result of the most thorough and scientific work in this important field of commercial progress.

EDWIN CRARY, Apothecary, Established 1876, No. 206 Park Street, opposite Squire Street.—Should the various mercantile establishments located in Hartford and vicinity be mentioned in the order of their comparative usefulness, that conducted by Mr. Edwin Crary would be clearly entitled to a leading position in the list, for on the whole no retail establishment is more useful than a well-managed drug store, and that of which Mr. Crary is proprietor is well managed in the full sense of the term. He is a native of Hartford and has carried on his present enterprise since 1876. Mr. Crary

is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his business. He employs two competent clerks; and, as he gives personal attention to all details, the service is as reliable as it is prompt and obliging. The premises occupied comprise a handsomely-equipped store located at No. 206 Park Street, opposite Squire Street, where a full assortment of drugs, medicines and chemicals is constantly carried, enabling physicians' prescriptions to be compounded without delay. Every facility is at hand to insure absolute accuracy in every detail of this department of the business, and the ingredients used are obtained from the most reliable sources, and may be depended upon for freshness and purity. Uniformly moderate charges are made, and no trouble is spared to fully maintain the high reputation so long held in connection with the service. Mr. Crary deals in toilet articles, druggists' sundries and other goods usually found in a first-class pharmacy, and quotes the lowest market rates on all commodities handled. Mr. Crary is a member of the Connecticut State Pharmaceutical Association, also of the Licensed Pharmacists, and the following list of proprietary articles are a few of many which are manufactured and sold by him to all the druggists in the surrounding country as well as to a large retail trade: Crary's Cough Elixir, Crary's (small) Bilious Pills, Crary's Corn Salve, Crary's Sarsaparilla.

BIBEAU & SCHREPFER, Bakers and Confectioners, No. 372 Asylum Street.—The food we eat makes us largely what we are, and an ill-nourished body seldom contains an alert, able mind. It is, therefore, of the highest consequence that we exercise care in the selection of food, and that we should be assured that those from whom we obtain it are worthy of the confidence bestowed upon them. No greater responsibility rests upon any purveyor of food than that which the baker must bear, and unless he be a man of high integrity he is not fit to be trusted. Wholesome bread is one of the absolute necessities of life, and it is only to be made of the best ingredients. Be sure that your baker is not of the class which uses spoiled or inferior flour, hiding its deficiencies by employing chemicals; and, to make assurance doubly sure, patronize only such men as Messrs. Bibeau & Schrepfer, whose standing in the community is of the highest, and who are celebrated not only for the excellence of their bread and rolls, but for the superiority of their cake, pastry and confectionery. They are extensive producers of all these, their establishment being one of the largest and best of the kind in the city. Their store is at No. 372 Asylum Street, and comprises two floors 25 x 45 feet in dimensions. The large and always fresh stock is composed of a very choice assortment of plain and fancy cakes, bread, rolls, buns, and, in fact, everything that is made by a first-class bakery. A specialty is made of family and wedding supplies, all orders being given prompt attention. Messrs. Bibeau & Schrepfer established this business in 1892, and conduct both a wholesale and retail trade, employment being given to nine experienced assistants. In the back of the store are pleasant café and ice-cream parlors, while the cream served is unexcelled for purity and delicacy of flavor. All the goods used by the firm are manufactured in their own bakery, thus enabling them to guarantee satisfaction in every instance.



ASYLUM STREET.

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THE STATES MACHINE CO., No. 490 Capitol Avenue.

—For securing the necessary supplies for steam-power plants the manufacturers of Hartford and vicinity are fortunate in possessing facilities that are unexcelled and which have in a measure contributed to the development of the industrial resources and enterprises of this section. Among the constructors of engines and pump machinery, etc., a prominent place must be given to the States Machine Company, which during the four years it has been located here has acquired a most extensive domestic and foreign trade in its specialties, and a reputation that is the envy of all competitors. The company manufactures a line of special machinery which is without a superior in the market, and in many cases not approached by the products of other makers. Their Worron's high speed compound engine and four plunger pumps are such pieces of mechanism. It is a model of perfection, and leads everything in the line of the latest improved engines. They have also a wide celebrity for their Vanderbeek Universal Boring and Milling engine, which heads the list of the superior mill machinery manufactured by the company. They make universal and plain milling machines of heavy, medium and small sizes, Vanderbeek's four-spindle drill press, circular and vertical milling attachments, and the "handy" vise. They have also introduced a self-oiling countershaft, with new friction and self-oiling loose pulley, both of which sprung into immediate popularity. The company's shops are most complete in equipment. The offices are at No. 490 Capitol Avenue.

CHARLES A. RAPELYE, Pharmacist, No. 325 Main

Street.—Although, perhaps, by the year 2,000 the use of drugs will be outgrown, and the "faith cure" or some other equally agreeable means of regaining health will have been adopted, the people of to-day must make use of the methods of to-day, and these methods are such that a well-appointed and well-managed establishment like the one carried on by Mr. Charles A. Rapelye is of the greatest benefit to a community. This enterprise was inaugurated eight years ago by the present proprietor, who is a native of New Britain and President of the State Board of Pharmacy. The premises occupied are located at No. 325 Main Street, and consist of a finely fitted-up store 15 x 60 feet in size, and a large basement 15 x 30 feet, while the stock contained therein is both large and varied, being complete in every department and comprising an assortment of pure drugs, medicine and chemicals which would not suffer by comparison with the stock carried in many a city pharmacy which ranks in the first class. The supply of druggists' sundries, toilet articles, etc., is also full and varied, but Mr. Rapelye gives special attention to the handling of drugs and prescriptions, which he offers at low prices and short notice. He gives employment to seven efficient assistants, and precautions are taken so as to render errors almost impossible, so that a large retail business is done. In view of the facts already mentioned, it becomes unnecessary to add that Mr. Rapelye is in a position to quote the very lowest market rates.

ALFRED T. RICKER, Hartford Moulding Works;

Mouldings; No. 26 Potter Street.—The field of household architecture and wood-decoration is one which moves with rapid advances along the current of our modern civilization. An establishment in touch with all the latest improvements and a recognized leader in this line is the Hartford Moulding Works at No. 26 Potter Street, under the able and experienced management of Mr. Alfred T. Ricker. The carefully-perfected facilities of many years enable Mr. Ricker to afford a very high grade of service and goods at the most liberal prices. The factory premises comprise 8,000 square feet of floor space, and are equipped with the latest improved machinery. Fourteen experienced workmen are employed on an average. Motive force is supplied by a 100 horse-power engine and 125 horse-power boiler, with a new and model exhaust blow-pipe. These complete facilities are constantly engaged in meeting the large demand for the popular and reliable goods made here. Mr. Ricker carries a heavy stock of every sort of material for inside work, with special lines of kiln-dried lumber of the best quality. He guarantees a reliable stock and workmanship on everything leaving these works. Special work and designs executed promptly, and a large variety of first-class mouldings kept always on hand. The works are a leading centre of supply for the best contractors and builders in this part of the State, and are admirably adapted to meet the most extensive and modern demands.

KELLY BROS., Steam Stone Works; Dealers in All Kinds

of Building, Cut-Stone Work; No. 93 Charter Oak Avenue.—The rapid growth of American cities and the accompanying increase of wealth, together with a desire for greater permanency in structures intended either for residence or business purposes, has made of stone the most important building material, and brought the mason and stonecutter prominently to the front. The demand for expert skill in the fashioning of this universal material to its purposes grows every day, and none but finished artisans in this line can hope to acquire permanent success in this field. The Messrs. Kelly Bros. are leading exponents of the results of special abilities and experience in their business of stone cutters. They are the proprietors of the steam stone works at No. 93 Charter Oak Avenue, and have long been prominent in this important line of work. Their saw-room, which is equipped with the most modern appliances, is 25 x 60 feet in size and has a very large capacity. In the rear are sheds and yards for the storage of rough and finished stone, etc., and they always have a heavy stock on hand, as they are large dealers as well as cutters. This stock includes all kinds of building, cut-stone work—such as house-trimming and material for church and bridge work. They are prepared to furnish estimates on all kinds of stonework and make deliveries at any rail or water point. They employ an average of fifteen hands, and all orders are executed with the utmost promptness. The firm consists of Mr. J. Kelly and Mr. M. Kelly, and their offices and yards are at above address.

A. L. THOMAS (Tunnel Park Market), Dealer in Meats, Vegetables, Fish and Oysters, No. 717 Main Street.—The average housekeeper will surely agree with us when we say that an unusual amount of trouble, bother and time, may be saved by dealing with a firm that fills orders just as they are given and furnishes goods which prove as satisfactory as if picked out in person, for it is an open secret that the reason why so many persons take the trouble to do their own marketing in person is because they fear that otherwise they will be supplied with goods that other people leave; or, in other words, those that no experienced buyer would accept of his own choice. Without stating whether or not that fear is well grounded in the majority of cases, we can assure our readers that there is no foundation for it so far as the "Tunnel Park Market," conducted by Mr. A. L. Thomas, is concerned, for he makes a specialty of furnishing goods that he believes will fully suit the customers ordering them. It is comparatively easy to do this, as he carries a very large and varied stock, including choice cuts of beef, mutton, pork, smoked meats, poultry, game, vegetables, canned goods, fish and oysters, and keeps it constantly complete in every department. Premises are utilized measuring 20 x 50 feet and located at No. 717 Main Street. Mr. Thomas established this business about three years ago. He employs two competent assistants and utilizes two delivery wagons, and all orders are delivered promptly. Mr. A. L. Thomas is a native of Hartford and very well known. He is ably assisted in the management of the business by Mr. D. W. Thomas.

CHARLES T. STUART, Photographer, Nos. 269 and 271 Main Street.—Although what we now know as "photographic action" was discovered at least two centuries ago, it was not made the subject of scientific study until about 1770. Comparatively little progress was made in the development of the art until the last fifty years, and it has remained for modern genius to bring it to a high state of perfection. The photographer of to-day must be a scientist and a constant student of developments in his profession if he expects to keep fully abreast of the times. It is thus that Mr. Charles T. Stuart, the well-known photographer of Nos. 269 and 271 Main Street, has gained his eminence in the profession, and why the products of his studios possess merits in truthfulness of likeness to the original and beauty of finish that others find it difficult if not impossible to duplicate. Thirty-five years ago the establishment which he now controls was founded by Mr. S. H. Waite, who was succeeded by Mr. Stuart about fifteen years since. It has been during this period that some of the most remarkable developments in photography have occurred; and with the splendid facilities and equipments at his command, in connection with his large experience and abilities, Mr. Stuart has more than kept pace with them. His studios occupy nearly 8,000 square feet of space, and include a handsome reception room, a well-appointed and finely-equipped operating room, dark room, framing department, etc.; in all, four large floors being utilized. Mr. Stuart has a large staff of assistants, and employs the most competent artists for portrait painting and crayon work.

JOHN SLOANE & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Produce, Fruit, Woodenware Etc.; Eggs a Specialty; General Agents for Dutch Salad; No. 319 Asylum Street.—The writer who said that "children are healthiest where the most flowers grow, and people live longest where our common fruits ripen best," might have added that the people of that region gave evidences of the most refined and happy life where foreign and domestic fruits found the greatest consumption. With the progress of civilization and culture there has necessarily resulted an increased development of the great fruit industry, and the prosperity of the houses in this line are significant indices of the condition of the people. No house has contributed more by the procuring of fine and rare fruits in the best condition to supply the universal demand for them than the firm of Messrs. John Sloane & Co., and none have enjoyed a more deserved success. The business was established very many years ago. Besides dealing in fruits they are also dealers in produce, woodenware, etc., making a specialty of eggs, and being general agents for Dutch salad. The speedy recognition and appreciation which met their enterprising efforts testify much better than words can do to the reliability and experienced wisdom of this house. Two floors of a spacious warehouse, 30 x 125 feet, are taken up by their valuable stock, and four assistants are constantly needed in the transaction of their extensive wholesale and retail business, which extends throughout this section, and gives good promise of increasing yet more in the future. The premises occupied are located at No. 319 Asylum Street.

EDRED W. CLARK, Manufacturer of Rubber Moulds, Presses and Tubing Machinery, No. 31 Wells Street.—New England enjoys, as a leading distinction, the credit of having developed the use and manufacture of rubber goods to a much higher point than that ever before attained. A leading establishment in this department of local and State business has for some years been conducted by Mr. Edred W. Clark at No. 31 Wells Street, as manufacturer of rubber moulds, presses and tubing machinery. He established the business here in 1881, and has from the first manufactured a very successful and high-grade class of work. His works are equipped with the latest and best machinery in this line, and he employs a competent corps of workmen. His specialties are well known to the trade, being sold in all parts of New England, and also other States. They are of the very best material, and unsurpassed for the purposes designed, the test of approval being given by prominent manufacturers of rubber goods. The facilities for general repair of machinery of this kind are exceptionally complete. Mr. Clark's prices will be found invariably fair and reasonable. He guarantees the highest standard of work and uniform satisfaction. In these days of unceasing progress, the only way to secure first-class results is to obtain the services of special experts, and such, by long experience and wide success, Mr. Clark has been most clearly demonstrated to be. Our readers can make no mistake in entrusting all work of this kind to his care. Special orders handled with dispatch, and shipped to any point without delay.

A. CATLIN, Jr., Cotton Broker, No. 210 Pearl Street.—A few years are considered ample time in these days for the acquirement of any trade. Some people learn to be skillful in a short time, others do not; but when a man has carried on a certain line of business for nearly twenty years his absolute proficiency in it is almost a certainty. This is the case with Mr. A. Catlin, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., who is a cotton broker, and has pursued his present industry in this city since 1875. He makes a specialty of supplying raw cotton to mills and manufacturers, and a carefully arranged system of receiving and filling orders is in operation, and all confusion is avoided, car-loads or any quantity being sold by sample; the consequence being that all orders are sure to be delivered promptly when promised. Mr. Catlin's office is located at No. 210 Pearl Street, and he makes it his sole business to see that his patrons are well, and, above all, honestly, supplied with the goods they have ordered in the line we have referred to. Mr. Catlin is a native of Connecticut, and has carried on business in this city long enough, and in so honorable and enterprising a manner, as to have gained a high and well-deserved reputation among the manufacturers in this State. All orders are quickly attended to, and care is taken to give no cause for complaint.

MAPES FORMULA AND PERUVIAN GUANO CO.,

H. H. Stafford, Manager Hartford Office.—Fertilization of the soil where such exhaustive crops as tobacco are grown was a most serious consideration until the introduction of Peruvian guano and chemical fertilizers. These have by long and thorough practical experience proved so completely efficacious in restoring the needed elements of plant food to the soil, that they have entirely removed the difficulty of securing good continuous crops from the same piece of land. Among the largest producers of such fertilizers in this country is the Mapes Formula and Peruvian Guano Company of New York, whose branch office in Hartford, under the efficient management of Mr. H. H. Stafford, was first opened fifteen years ago, and has come to be considered a headquarters of the fertilizer trade of this section. The company does an extensive business in all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the West Indies and South America, and also ships goods to Cape Town, South Africa. Their mammoth works are located at Newark, N. J., and their central offices are at No. 143 Liberty Street, the Central Building, New York City. They employ several hundred hands in their different departments. Prof. J. J. Mapes was the enlightened agriculturist who first set the world to thinking on the subject of enriching the soil scientifically, and was the founder of the great business that has grown out of the propagation of his ideas. The Mapes Formula and Peruvian Guano Company are manufacturers of the Mapes complete and special crop manures, high and low-grade super-phosphates, ground bone, etc., and importers and dealers in Peruvian guano, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, sulphate and muriate of potash, etc. The President of the Company is Mr. P. Van Zant Lane, Mr. Charles V. Mapes is Vice-President and General Manager, and the Treasurer is Mr. Edward V. Z. Lane.

F. A. SYKES, Fancy and Domestic Baker and Confectioner, No. 185 Main Street; Five-Cent Lunch Room; Orders Solicited; Telephone Connection.—The modern bakery is a very different institution from the bake-shop of a generation since, and the methods employed are quite as different. Baking has been reduced to an exact science with a very decided gain to the healthfulness of the world at large. Not only is the bread of the present day better baked, but it is composed of far superior materials to those used in the kind our fathers used to eat. In the improvement that has taken place in these respects during the past forty years Mr. F. A. Sykes has had an active part. It was as long ago as that that he first embarked in the business, although he remained in Hartford but seven years after the date of his initial venture. Six years ago he returned to Hartford, having in the meantime conducted the business at various other places, always with success. He now has a fine establishment here at No. 185 Main Street, where the best bread and the finest cake and pastry are always to be found. He employs six hands, and has work for two teams in the delivering of orders. In connection with the bakery Mr. Sykes conducts a popular five-cent lunch counter and has a large run of custom in this department. His products are always in demand, for they are of a superior kind, and fully meet the popular taste.

MARRIAGE.

The wedding bells rang loud and long,
And this is what they said:—
"THERE'S NOTHING BAKED ON EARTH CAN BEAT
Sykes' Good Bread."

HONEYMOON.

They billed and coo'd from morn 'till night,
And through the country sped,
They lived on love, and never ate
Sykes' Good Bread.

REALITY.

The Honeymoon was over
And the oven wouldn't bake,
The "staff of life" and sweetmeats
No better than the cake.
Her Husband growled and scolded,
For he wanted to be fed,
And his wife must to the grocers
For Sykes' Good Bread.

MORAL.

Young ladies, ere you're married,
And to the altar led,
Don't paralyze your sweethearts
With Home-made Bread!
And when you've signed the contract,
If these lines are rightly read,
You'll always ask your grocer
For Sykes' Good Bread.



MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH FROM ASYLUM.

H. P. BROOKS (Successor to Charles King), Dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Refrigerators, Oil Stoves, House-Furnishing Goods; Tin Roofing and Jobbing; Nos. 497 and 499 Main Street.—Everybody wants to have good reliable stoves and ranges, as the necessary service which they perform affects the domestic economy and comfort every day in the year. To obtain the best it is of course necessary to patronize only the most reliable and modern stoves. None in this section can afford a better class of service in this line than that secured with the old reliable establishment now conducted by Mr. H. P. Brooks and located at Nos. 497 and 499 Main Street. His stock is unexcelled anywhere in this city for its large variety and the genuine bargains constantly offered by it. This successful business was established sixty-three years ago by Messrs. D. S. Brooks & Son. Upon the death of Mr. D. S. Brooks the business came into the hands of his son, Mr. H. P. Brooks, the present proprietor. Mr. Brooks handles a large and first-class trade, every feature of the business being conducted with thorough and careful supervision. He employs eight men, and the store occupied measures 30 x 150 feet in dimensions, with a basement of the same size, and is fitted up in the best style. The stock includes stoves, ranges, furnaces, refrigerators, oil stoves, house-furnishing goods, etc., together with agate wares at both wholesale and retail; orders for tin roofing and jobbing of all kinds will receive prompt attention. Mr. Brooks, senior, conducted the business in a store in the old Talcott Building two years ago. The present proprietor bought out Charles King (engaged in the same line), and moved to his present location, and retained Mr. William M. Rogers, who had been a salesman for Mr. King for many years. The service will be found by our readers to equal in reliability and fair terms the best that can be obtained anywhere.

NOYES & MORRIS, Die Sinking, Drop Forgings, Etc., No. 134 Sheldon Street.—The enterprise which has made Hartford a thriving business centre has been especially displayed in those lines connected with machinery and mechanical invention. A firm which for the past decade has held a leading rank in its department of city and State industry is that of Messrs. Noyes & Morris at No. 134 Sheldon Street, manufacturers of die-sinking and drop-forging supplies of all kinds. The firm occupy a large and modernly-equipped machine shop with the latest improved machinery, and a large corps of reliable workmen. Their drop-hammers are of very recent style and the most efficient of any yet made. They carry a large stock of special hardware supplies which are sold at lowest wholesale rates. They also manufacture to special order, and guarantee in all cases A1 reliable goods and workmanship. The work of this firm has maintained a very high reputation and is used by prominent manufacturers in all parts of the State. Their facilities for special repairing and machine work will also be found unsurpassed. No effort has been spared to place the plant upon the very highest standard of efficiency, and the large success achieved is alike creditable to the firm and to the city.

GEORGE MARCHANT, Manufacturer and Dealer in Harness, Saddles, Bridles, &c.; Fine Carriage and Road Harness of the Best Material; No. 119½ Main Street.—Every man cannot be an expert judge of the quality of the goods he buys, but every man can at least exercise intelligent discretion in placing his orders with reputable dealers, and thus avoid the possibility of imposition. In the buying of harness it is imperative that the dealer selected should be one who enjoys a reputation for handling only reliable goods at reasonable prices. Such a reputation belongs to Mr. George Marchant, who for the past twenty-eight years has been identified with the harness and saddlery business in Hartford, of which city he is a native. His present establishment at No. 119½ Main Street has been in operation for about a year, and is one of the best patronized in the city. Buyers know that they can always rely upon Mr. Marchant's representations, and that the goods they buy from him invariably give satisfaction. He carries a select and full stock of harness, saddles, bridles, &c., making a specialty of fine road and carriage harness of the best materials and workmanship. Harness of every description is made to order, if desired, at low prices.

HARTFORD ONE-PRICE CLOTHING COMPANY, Manufacturers, Jobbers and Retailers of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, Nos. 114 and 116 Asylum Street.—Competition in the clothing trade is keener than in any other branch of business, and the wonder is that, even in spite of the immense consumption, so many houses should continue to thrive. It can only be accounted for on the hypothesis that the keenness of the competition has resulted in a vast improvement in the quality and workmanship of the goods, and so brought about an immense increase of their popularity with wearers. While this may answer as a general explanation, there is something more than this behind the prosperity of the Hartford One-Price Clothing Company, of Nos. 114 and 116 Asylum Street, manufacturers, jobbers and retailers of men's, youths' and boys' clothing. Experience and intelligence of the highest order contribute to their success, which is produced in the first instance by thorough reliability. Every representation made by this house can be depended upon, for, as they make and handle none but the best-quality goods, they have no hesitation in guaranteeing their wearing properties, the quality of the workmanship employed in their construction or any other feature contributing to their superiority. The Hartford Clothing Company was organized in 1878, and consists of men who have had a large and thoroughly practical experience in this line of business. They have a large and fine establishment of two floors, each containing 4,000 square feet of space. The store on the main floor is one of the finest devoted to the clothing business, and is brilliantly lighted with arc electric lights. A fine stock is attractively and conveniently displayed, while low prices govern the sale of each article. An average of six alert and thoroughly competent assistants is employed, and prompt and satisfactory service is a feature of the establishment.



TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO. BUILDING.

WILLIAM H. KELSEY & CO., Merchant Tailors and Boys' Outfitters, No. 251 Main Street.—Clothing well made from good materials costs comparatively little nowadays, and even the poorest of us can always appear well dressed. We may go a little further than appearances, however, and always have good clothing, unexcelled in cut, fit and finish, as well as in durability, if we know where to buy to the best advantage. This is not a difficult matter to ascertain in Hartford, for the merchant tailoring firm of Messrs. William H. Kelsey & Co. is so generally known that no one need be told that they offer the best inducements to buyers. It is an old and reliable house, and has a most enviable reputation for the superior quality and style of the garments it produces. Mr. William H. Kelsey founded the business in 1852, subsequently admitting his son, Mr. William H. Kelsey, Jr. to partnership, adopting the firm style at present in use. Mr. Kelsey, Sr., died in 1891, after a long and honorable career, and the son has since conducted the business alone with the same degree of success and continued popularity as characterized the efforts of the firm in the past. His well-appointed store is located at No. 251 Main Street, where a floor space 25 x 156 feet is utilized for the display of a large and choice stock. The departments consist of custom clothing, boys' outfitters, gentlemen's furnishings, and girls' outside garments.

H. FRANK BECK, Practical Plumber, Steam and Gas Fitter, No. 516 Main Street (formerly No. 16 Temple Street).—We take pleasure in calling attention to the enterprise conducted by Mr. H. Frank Beck, for a house that does strictly first-class plumbing at the lowest possible rates, that employs thoroughly competent and reliable help, that gives prompt and careful attention to large and small orders, and that does practical plumbing that is practical in the full sense of that much-abused word is a decided benefit to a community, and that is just what is done by Mr. Beck. Operations were begun about two years ago, moving to the present location, No. 516 Main Street, a few months since. The premises utilized measure 15 x 50 feet in dimensions, and three skilled assistants are employed. Orders, either in person or by mail, will receive prompt and satisfactory attention. Mr. Beck is also prepared to execute orders for steam and gas fitting. The prices charged in all departments of the business are very low, and work will be found to give satisfaction in every respect. Mr. Beck is a native of Germany and very well known.

G. E. MYERS, Druggist and Apothecary, No. 121½ Main Street.—Native talent is more generally appreciated than that of foreign origin, and the young man who embarks in any line of business in the city of his birth is more certain of prompt recognition and support than one who is a stranger in the place. This is particularly true of the druggist, confidence in whom springs from personal knowledge of the man, and without such confidence success is not to be attained, or, at the best, is a plant of very short growth. About a year ago Mr. G. E. Myers opened a pharmacy in this city. He is a native of Hartford, and having grown up in the business, so to speak, he knows

it thoroughly. From the inception of his enterprise he has received the recognition due to energy and ability, and many older druggists might well envy him the success he is making in his chosen profession. He has a fine store, 18 x 75 feet in dimensions, at 121½ Main Street, among its handsome fixtures an elegant soda fountain holding a conspicuous position. A full stock of fresh drugs and chemicals, pharmaceutical preparations, etc., is carried, and prescriptions are compounded in a most careful manner. Low prices prevail in all departments.

E. M. SILL, Art Studies, Birth Announcements, Tally Cards, Invitation Cards and Novelties; also, Books, Periodicals, and Circulating Library; No. 89 Trumbull Street.—The business carried on by Mrs. E. M. Sill at No. 89 Trumbull Street was started by this lady about three years ago. Mrs. Sill deals in metaphysical and occult literature. In this class of literature her stock is second to none in the country. She also carries a most complete line of all the newspapers, magazines and periodicals of the day. Another branch of the business includes full lines of art studies, birth announcements, tally cards, invitation cards and many novelties too numerous to mention. A very popular feature of this unique establishment is a flourishing circulating library, to which the newest books are constantly being added. Mrs. Sill employs a competent assistant, who with herself make it their constant study to meet and supply the wants of their many customers and give prompt and courteous attention to all, while the prices quoted on all goods offered are as low as can be found at any place in the city. Hartford has long needed an enterprising firm in this line of business, and this store, under the management of its able proprietress, seems destined to become one of the most popular and attractive business houses in the city.

BUCKLEY BROS. & CO., House Painters, No. 10 Ford Street.—The advantages gained by placing orders for painting with a responsible firm that not only does such work in a first-class manner, but also at reasonable prices, are so obvious that there is no need of mentioning them in detail; and conclusive evidence that the people appreciate them is afforded by the success of the enterprise carried on by Messrs. Buckley Bros. & Co., for they are painters and paperhangers, and they do a business so large as to require the employment of fifteen to twenty assistants. The enterprise was inaugurated twenty years ago by the present firm, which is composed of W. O., C. H. and W. O. Buckley, Jr. The premises utilized are located at No. 10 Ford Street, and comprise one floor 50 x 23 feet in dimensions. A very large trade is done, all orders being executed with neatness and dispatch, and personal attention is given in every instance. Estimates on the exterior and interior painting and decorating of houses will be cheerfully made on application, and the facilities are such that commissions can be executed at short notice, all work being carefully supervised and no pains spared to attain the best possible results. Messrs. W. O. and C. H. Buckley are natives of East Hartford, and W. O., Jr., of Hartford. The senior members of the firm served in the late war.

M. M. BACON, Bottling Establishment and Soda-Water Manufactory, No. 13 Morris Street.—Few people not directly connected with the business have anything like an adequate idea of the vastness of the bottling trade of this country, and those who are able to make an approximate estimate of its extent are surprised to find that it reaches such enormous proportions. Competition in this line is particularly keen, but those who make it a practice to handle none but the best goods have little difficulty in finding a ready market for their output at reasonably profitable figures. Mr. M. M. Bacon of this city is one of these. In fact, even with his large and fine facilities, he finds it difficult to keep pace with the demand created by the excellence of his products. His is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in this section, its inception dating back to 1845. Since 1874 the business has been in Mr. Bacon's hands, and through his enterprise and ability its extent and scope have been enormously developed. His plant at No. 13 Morris Street is one of the best in the business, being fitted with the latest and most improved bottling machinery and appliances. He has constantly on hand a superior stock of bottled ale, porter, cider and soda water, specialties being made of tonic, lemon and orange phosphate and the celebrated Henry Elias' prize-medal bottled lager beer. Special attention is given to bottling for families, and the manufacture of soda water is carried on on a most extensive scale. Mr. Bacon employs an average of twenty hands, and is always in a position to execute the largest general or special orders.

G. & H. I. CONANT RUBBER CO., Nos. 26 and 28 Asylum Street.—As a source of supply of every description of manufactured goods, Hartford possesses every advantage that could be desired. Constant additions are being made to her already numerous and varied commercial enterprises, and the facilities presented are equal if not superior to those afforded by other American cities of her size. A consideration of these facts are suggested by the contemplation of the advantages offered to consumers of rubber goods of every description by the Conant Rubber Company of this city, a mercantile concern of the highest standing, and one with an enviable and well-established reputation in its particular field of enterprise. The Conant Rubber Company was organized eleven years ago, and is a Boston corporation, the establishment here being a branch of the parent concern, but one of scarcely secondary importance to the original. The members of the company are Messrs. G. and H. I. Conant, who give close personal attention to every detail of the business. The Hartford store at Nos. 26 and 28 Asylum Street occupies two floors, 25 x 60 feet in dimensions, and carries an immense stock of every description of rubber goods for domestic, mechanical and scientific use, even a partial enumeration of which would be impossible in the space at our disposal. They employ an average force of five competent clerks and assistants, insuring the prompt execution of all orders received either by messenger, mail or telephone. The business is essentially wholesale in character, though some retailing is done.

DAVIS & FOSTER, Dealers in All Kinds of Meat, Fish and Vegetables; Choice Family Groceries; Game in its Season; Fresh Country Eggs and Butter a Specialty; Nos. 308 and 310 Asylum Street.—The meat and vegetable market at Nos. 308 and 310 Asylum Street is very popular among those who appreciate reliable goods, fair prices and careful service, for the simple reason that Messrs. Davis & Foster, its proprietors, so manage it that all the things we have mentioned are assured to those who do business at this store. Mistakes happen sometimes of course; the saying is that "accidents happen in the best-regulated families," and a store is harder to govern than the biggest or worst-regulated family, but no mistakes are made "on purpose" at this place; and when attention is called to any that happen to be made they are corrected if possible and "squared up," anyway. Messrs. Davis & Foster's stock includes all kinds of meats, fish and vegetables, also choice family groceries, game in its season, fresh country eggs and butter being a specialty of this house; and although they do not accomplish the wonderful feat of keeping it "constantly complete in every department," as some provision dealers do (or at least say they do), still you are pretty sure to find at their store everything seasonable in the way of provisions, and you can depend upon having your orders filled accurately and promptly, employment being given to four competent assistants. Messrs. Davis & Foster succeeded Mr. Alexander Allen in 1893. The individual members of the firm are Messrs. G. F. Davis and William E. Foster, both well and favorably known throughout Hartford and vicinity.

THE NEW YORK TEA STORE (P. S. Kennedy, Proprietor), Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Teas, Coffees and General Groceries; Meats, Poultry and Vegetables; No. 474 Main Street, Corner Morgan; Telephone Call 132-3.—Were we asked to name half a dozen of the most prominent grocery houses in this section, one of the first places we would mention would be that conducted by The New York Tea Store (Mr. P. S. Kennedy, proprietor), for it was inaugurated fully fifteen years ago, and has long been looked upon as a representative undertaking of its kind, both as regards the methods employed in its management and its popularity throughout the community. The proprietor is very well known in this section, and has been a member of the Common Council for four years. The premises utilized are located at No. 474 Main Street, corner of Morgan, and measure 100 x 25 feet in size, the meat market being in the rear and finely equipped with ice boxes, etc. Mr. Kennedy is a wholesale and retail dealer in teas, coffees, spices and general groceries; also, choice meats, poultry and vegetables. As Mr. Kennedy buys in large quantities he is enabled to give his customers the benefit of his experience and buying by naming the very lowest prices on all the goods he handles; and as employment is given to eleven assistants, and fourteen delivery wagons are utilized, orders are promptly filled and delivered at the time promised. The stock is as exceptional in quality as it is in magnitude, and it is generally conceded among consumers that goods obtained at this establishment are sure to prove entirely satisfactory.

DR. W. H. LAW, . . .
...Dentist,...

NO. 382 MAIN STREET.

The care of the teeth receives far more attention at the present time than ever before in the history of the race, more widespread knowledge concerning the causes contributing to health and longevity having produced this most desirable result. The perfection of dental science is an even greater impelling cause of the enlightenment of the people as to the high importance of preserving the teeth; and as the efforts of all modern dentists are directed towards restoring defective teeth to their normal usefulness, rather than, as was formerly the case, removing the injured members, the result cannot but be productive of general healthfulness. In this connection it is interesting to note the high position in the profession of dentistry that has been attained by Dr. W. H. Law during the seventeen years he has been practicing in this city. Dr. Law is a graduate of the Baltimore Dental College, one of the oldest and most thorough of such institutions in the country, and is a complete master of both the operating and mechanical branches of the profession. He is a member of the old family of his name, which came from Scotland in 1828 and settled at Enfield, Conn. Dr. Law's office is at No. 382 Main Street, Cheney Block (see opposite page), and consists of a finely-appointed reception room, and an operating room equipped with the most modern appliances of dentistry.

THE NEW ENGLAND HOME PRINTING CO.,
General Newspaper, Book and Job Printers; Mercantile Work, Catalogue Work, Publishers of "The New England Home," the Popular Family Weekly; Main Office, No. 302 Asylum Street.—The science and art of printing since the days of old Ben Franklin have held an honored place in New England business life. They have necessarily been intimately related to the great advance made in educational and literary fields. One of the largest publishing and printing houses of Connecticut is the New England Home Printing Company, whose main office is located at No. 302 Asylum Street, Hartford. The company was incorporated under present management in 1890, and has met with steady success from the start. They are the publishers of the "New England Home," a popular weekly, with a guaranteed average circulation larger than any other weekly newspaper in the State. Its literary and art-illustrative standard is in thorough keeping with the best New England spirit, and it has a large influence throughout the New England States. As a medium of advertisement there is no more effective way of reaching the homes of the people. The company are also general newspaper, book and job printers, having a complete modern equipment for every class of work in this line. They occupy the second floor of Boardman Building, No. 302 Asylum Street, run by electric power, and their presses are kept in constant operation. A specialty is made of catalogue work, and their facilities for every sort of commercial printing are unexcelled in the city or section. They quote very liberal and attractive figures for the finest grades of work.

E. TUCKER'S SONS, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Papers, Twines and Strawboards, Paper Bags, Glue, Etc., No. 100 Trumbull Street.—Among the substantial business houses which have done most to build up and extend the commercial prestige of the city that of E. Tucker's Sons deserves honorable and prominent mention. It was established in 1849 by Mr. Erastus Tucker, and the same general name and management have been preserved from the first. For a considerable period the business has been under the sole management of Messrs. John D. Tucker and James E. Tucker, the son and grandson of the original proprietor. A large and moderately-equipped store building is occupied at No. 100 Trumbull Street, comprising three floors, 75 x 25 feet in dimensions. A large jobbing trade is handled, extending through this State and Massachusetts, the same requiring the employment of six regular salesmen. The stock includes a full assortment of papers and paper stock, twines, strawboards, paper bags, glue and similar goods of the best grades. The quality is guaranteed and the liberal prices of this house are equal to the best in the American market. Many leading manufacturers and dealers are among the regular customers of the house, and it has also a large retail trade. It can afford a range and high standard of service in all matters bearing on this department which will not be equaled elsewhere in this section. Mr. John D. Tucker, the surviving partner, is a veteran of the Governor's Foot Guards, and also a member of the Hartford Board of Trade.



MAIN STREET.

L. N. WILEY, D. D. S., Dental Rooms, Nos. 69 Ballerstein Building and 275 Main Street, over Boston Branch.—The practice of dentistry in the present day calls into play the highest abilities of the operator, for the profession has within comparatively few years made such great progress that even the most advanced ideas of the last decade are antiquated and valueless to the practitioner of to-day. Dental surgery is a term conveying but an inadequate idea to the lay mind of the scope and importance of this field of professional endeavor, but its results are so marked in comparison with those achieved in former years as to leave no doubt as to the advancement made. There is in Hartford probably a no more advanced exponent of modern dentistry than Dr. L. N. Wiley, who holds a leading and well-deserved position among doctors of dental surgery in this city. He is a native of Hartford and a young man of the most sterling character and high attainments. He has had a most valuable experience in the offices of such celebrated dentists as Drs. Fanning and Hitchcock of this city, and is a graduate of one of the best schools of dental surgery in the country—the Philadelphia Dental College—having also taken a two-years' course in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital of that city. Although at the time he embarked in business here, four years ago, Hartford already had the service of between twenty-five and thirty dentists, all of more or less note, his abilities received immediate recognition, and he at once entered on a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Wiley has very tastefully fitted-up rooms in the Ballerstein Building, which are supplied with the latest and most valuable appliances of his profession.

H. W. CONKLIN, Insurance and Real-Estate Agent, No. 9 Central Row.—One of the most active and best known of Hartford's business men is Mr. H. W. Conklin, whose office is at No. 9 Central Row, and who is in a position to render valuable assistance to those wishing to buy, sell, exchange or rent real estate, or to place fire insurance in large or small amounts. Mr. Conklin is thoroughly well informed concerning real estate in Hartford and vicinity, and he always has in his books a great variety of desirable property of that kind, so that time and trouble may be saved by making use of the facilities he offers. An extensive insurance business is also done, it including the writing of policies on dwelling houses, stables, factories, stores and buildings in general, the following leading companies being represented: Atlas, of London; North American, of Boston; Mercantile Fire & Marine Insurance Co.; Granite State Fire Insurance Co., of New Hampshire; Agricultural, of Waterbury, Conn.; Norwich Union, of England; Merchants, of Providence, etc. Mr. Conklin established this business thirty-five years ago. He is very widely and favorably known throughout Hartford and vicinity in both real-estate and insurance business circles. Mr. Conklin thoroughly understands the principles underlying insurance, is well informed on financial methods, and hence is well qualified to explain the several policies issued by the companies he represents, to judge as to which is best suited to individual cases, and to make the reasons for his judgments clear to those affected thereby.

Ransom N. Fitz Gerald,

ESTABLISHED 1872.

Wholesale and
Commission Merchant,



...Dealer in

Salt, Salt-Fish and Canned Goods, Poultry, Game, Connecticut
River Shad and Block Island Fish Specialties.

• • • • • No. 142 STATE STREET. • • • • •

GALLUP & METZGER, Pianos, Organs, Sheet Music and Musical Merchandise, Nos. 201, 203 and 205 Asylum Street, Corner Haynes.—There is not as much difference in pianos as in the dealers who handle them, but unfortunately the buyer seldom ascertains this fact until after the transaction is completed, and he then has an experience that is of little use to him thereafter. It should not be inferred, and of course nobody believes, that all pianos are alike in tone and other essential qualities, any more than that all dealers are disposed to consult the interests of the buyer equally with their own. But as few people buy more than one piano in a life-time, and the purchase is one that involves a considerable money outlay, it is desirable that they should make it where they may be sure that they will not be imposed upon in the slightest particular. Messrs. Gallup & Metzger have the reputation of being most straightforward and reliable dealers. They handle none but the best makes, and can therefore conscientiously recommend the instruments they sell in the full assurance that they will turn out to be exactly as represented. The firm began business here in 1881, and has acquired a large and valuable trade in pianos, organs, sheet music and musical merchandise generally. Their establishment is at Nos. 201, 203 and 205 Asylum Street, and is one of the largest of its kind in the State. Two large floors, 40 x 80 feet in dimensions, are occupied, and a large and most valuable stock is carried. They make a leading specialty of the celebrated Knabe pianos, and also handle extensively the fine instruments bearing the name of Vose, Pease and other leading makers. They also sell the Estey Vocalion organ, one of the finest instruments of its kind in the market. Their stock of sheet music is the largest and best outside of New York or Boston. Messrs. Gallup & Metzger are also sole agents for the Electric Piano, a new and unique instrument that is acquiring great popularity. They are the only house in the State handling church organs. Their business is both wholesale and retail in character, and they require the services of a strong force of clerks, including a number of traveling salesmen.



ASYLUM STREET.

SCHMIDT & FOX, Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry, No. 19 Pearl Street, near Main.—Although one of the most prominent characteristics of the establishment conducted by Messrs. Schmidt & Fox is its reliability, it would be incorrect to offer this as the explanation of the great popularity the store enjoys, for many other reliable jewelry stores can be found in the city; but the truth of the matter is the public like to do business with a firm that is not only reliable but enterprising; that not only gives full value for money received, but gives its patrons an opportunity to choose from the very latest fashionable novelties in all the various lines of goods it handles. The business carried on by Messrs. Schmidt & Fox was founded in 1888 by Mr. Schmidt, the present firm being formed in 1891. The partners are Messrs. A. H. Schmidt, a native of Germany, and Jacob Fox, of Hungary. Premises located at No. 19 Pearl Street are occupied and very completely fitted up, the stock of watches, diamonds, jewelry, etc., being displayed to excellent advantage. Every facility is at hand for the repairing of watches, jewelry, etc., in a superior manner; and, as employment is given to a competent assistant, orders can be filled without delay. Moderate prices are quoted in every department of the business, and no trouble is spared to thoroughly satisfy every customer.

JAMES AHERN, Plumbers', Steam and Gas-Fitters' Supplies; Gas and Electric Light Fixtures; Electric Light Supplies; Construction Work for All Systems; Electric Lighting, Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting; Also, Hot-Water Heating; No. 280 Asylum Street.—The establishment of Mr. James Ahern, situated at No. 280 Asylum Street, is probably one of the finest and most completely stocked of any of its kind in New England, and is the headquarters of a very extensive business. Mr. Ahern began business in Hartford in 1868, locating himself at No. 272 Main Street, where he remained until May 1, 1882, when the demands of his growing business compelled his removal to the elegant and roomy premises he now occupies. The volume of business transacted by Mr. Ahern requires the assistance of from thirty to forty-five workmen, the latter number being largely augmented in the busy season. The premises occupied by this business consist of a lofty ceiled store and workshop, extending from Asylum Street through to a small street in the rear, where all goods are received and shipped. The store, including the workshop, has a frontage of twenty-five feet by a depth of ninety feet, and is stocked with a full line of plumbers' and gas-fitters' materials, pipe, fixtures, etc., besides a large and elegant assortment of the latest designs in gas fixtures from the manufactory of Mitchell, Vance & Co. of New York, for which house Mr. Ahern is sole agent in Hartford County. One room is fitted up to show patrons—architects, builders, house owners, and those intending to become house owners—the latest improvements in scientific sanitary plumbing. The art has now reached such a point of perfection that every fixture—every closet—is self-ventilating, and it is impossible for bad and noxious odors to escape into the room. It is a liberal education in scientific plumbing merely to go into this room and look about. In adjoining rooms are displayed all appliances for electric and for gas lighting.

In the workshop—a model of its kind—there is to be found everything in the way of materials and tools that is required for any part of the plumbers' and gas-fitters' business. Neatly arranged along the sides are numberless compartment-shelves, containing every kind and size of fittings for gas and water known to the trade, while on the benches may be found a complete assortment of fine tools of every description used in the business. In the centre of the shop stands a machine driven by steam power, and used for cutting and threading iron pipe. This machine saves much time and labor, and is so absolutely accurate in its operation that the tightness of the joints made by it can be relied on with perfect assurance. In the basement there are stored immense quantities of cast and wrought iron pipe, fittings, etc., and there is no contract so large or varied in its nature that Mr. Ahern is not prepared to fill from his immediate stock. The trade of this house is not confined to Hartford, but extends to other portions of the State, many of the finer residences outside the city having been fitted by Mr. Ahern. This extent of business is due in great measure to the fact that Mr. Ahern is one of the few in his line not content with being merely a "practical" workman, but who has studied the scientific aspects of the trade to such advantage and with such earnestness of purpose that he is recognized not only as the leading plumber in Hartford, but as a scientific sanitarian who uses his knowledge in his work and for his customers' benefit. Mr. Ahern, although not a native of America, can be justly regarded as a representative American, having lived in this country since his boyhood, most of the time in Hartford, where he has won for himself an enviable place among the business fraternity and the good-will of a great number of personal friends and acquaintances. He is a progressive business man, a desirable citizen, and enjoys the very honorable distinction of being a "self-made man."

ALLEN BROTHERS, Dealers in Choice Groceries, Fruits, Etc., No. 132 Main Street, Corner Sheldon.—The stock carried at the establishment conducted by Messrs. Allen Brothers can hardly be better described than by the single word "clean," for this is the trade term for any assortment of goods which contains nothing unsalable or superfluous, and that is just the condition of the stock to which we have reference. Not that it is small and without variety; on the contrary, it comprises full lines of staple and fancy groceries, fruits, eggs, etc., which are offered at low prices. The business was established in 1880 by the present proprietors, Messrs. A. L. and I. W. Allen, who are natives of this State. They give employment to five competent assistants, who assure all callers prompt attention. All orders are promptly and carefully filled and delivered quickly. The premises occupied are 25 x 60 feet in dimensions, and consist of a fine store, with storeroom in the rear. Messrs. Allen Brothers cater to the best class of trade, and the quality of every article sold, whether it be a barrel of flour or a yeastcake, is guaranteed to prove exactly as represented, and it is owing to the faithful carrying out of this policy from the first that this establishment stands so high in the confidence of the public.

JAMES MULHALL, Real Estate Broker and Appraiser, No. 29 Pearl Street, Second Floor, Room No. 1.—Among the many real-estate brokers and appraisers in this vicinity one of the best known and most highly respected is Mr. James Mulhall. He has been a resident of Hartford for the past forty years, and established his present business some eighteen years ago. Mr. Mulhall occupies an office at No. 29 Pearl Street, Room No. 1, where he is prepared to transact any dealings in the real-estate brokerage and appraising line at as moderate rates as any agent in the neighborhood. His intimate knowledge of the value of property in this section of the State makes his advice of the utmost value to all persons desiring real estate, and who have little or no opportunity to study into the details of this complex business. Mr. Mulhall is agent for many banks, and also the State School Fund, in Hartford. He gives special attention to renting and collecting rents on real estate; all business in this line entrusted to him being promptly and faithfully attended to. Mr. Mulhall is very well known throughout Hartford and vicinity, and was a member of the old Fire Department. His business has steadily developed under the stimulus afforded by hard, intelligent and persevering work and constant devotion to the interests of his clients; and those wishing to consult with Mr. Mulhall in a professional way will find him courteously ready.

ALFRED WILLIAMS & SON, Manufacturing Furriers; Seal Garments a Specialty; Nos. 41, 43 and 45 Pratt Street.—The many advantages of fur garments, especially for ladies' use, create so extensive a demand as to make the fur business one of national importance; but it is safe to say there is not a concern in this country having a higher reputation in connection with the furnishing of fine furs at low prices than that of Messrs. Alfred Williams & Son, located at Nos. 41, 43 and 45 Pratt Street. This business was originally entered into in 1843 by Mr. Alfred Williams, in London, England, who came to Hartford, where he was for many years foreman at Strong & Woodruff's. His son, Mr. A. C. J. Williams, who had learned the business of his father, was admitted to partnership in 1889, and since the death of his father has been the sole manager of the business, which is constantly and rapidly increasing. The firm manufacture fine furs in general, making a specialty of sealskin garments and fur goods of every kind, and one very important factor in their success is the fact that they make all their own goods and sell direct to the consumer, thus saving him the paying of at least one profit and enabling the firm to quote positively bottom prices on strictly first-class goods and workmanship. A large force of experienced assistants is employed, and orders can generally be filled at comparatively short notice and in a manner which cannot fail to satisfy the most fastidious customers. Furs are stored and insured for the summer against moth and fire. Mr. A. C. J. Williams is well known in social circles of Hartford, he being a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons; Washington Commandery, K. T., Midian Encampment, and of Connecticut Lodge of Odd Fellows; also, ex-Captain of the Foot Guard Veteran Corps, and a member of many secret orders, and is one of the city's progressive business men.

PREISSNER BROTHERS, Cake and Bread Bakery, No. 59 Sheldon Street.—We are desirous of calling the attention of our readers to the well-known bakery located at No. 59 Sheldon Street, Hartford, which has been from its inception successful in building up an extensive trade in bread, cake and pastry. This establishment was started in 1891 by its present proprietors, the Messrs. Preissner Brothers. Both members, John and August, are natives of Germany, and members of St. Stephen's Benefit Society. The store occupied is 25 x 25 feet in dimensions, is fully equipped with all the necessary requirements for the successful conduct of the business, the extent of which gives employment to thoroughly experienced assistants. These gentlemen carry a fine stock in all branches of their business, and are prepared to supply customers at short notice with any goods in their line, and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed both as to quality and price. This establishment is largely patronized by families throughout the town who appreciate first-class bread, cake and pastry of all kinds. Preissner Brothers are well known throughout Hartford and vicinity. They are men of excellent business qualifications, and in their special line offer inducements to purchasers not easily duplicated, as their prices are as low as can be quoted on first-class goods, and will compare favorably with those named by other bakers.

THE WARNER & WILLARD CO., Manufacturers of and Wholesale Dealers in Ready-Made Clothing, Nos. 108 and 110 Asylum Street.—One of the most notable houses, and one of the most successful as well, that have acquired prominence in comparatively recent years as manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in ready-made clothing, is The Warner & Willard Co., of this city. This important concern was organized in 1894 as the successors of the well-known firm of Messrs. F. W. Warner & Co., who began business here as long ago as 1880, and who during their existence as a firm always held a commanding position in the wholesale clothing trade of New England. One of their representatives on the road, and member of the old firm, Mr. W. L. Willard, is now prominently identified with the new company, as the conspicuous place held by his name in its title indicates. He is its President, while Mr. F. W. Warner, of the original firm of Warner & Co., is its Secretary and Treasurer. The Willard & Warner Company are extensive manufacturers of clothing, using the best foreign and domestic materials in the construction of their widely-celebrated products. They have a prosperous and steadily-growing wholesale trade in all parts of New England, keeping two traveling men constantly on the road, while in the business department at Nos. 108 and 110 Asylum Street they have a force of eight clerks. In the manufacturing department of their large establishment they employ an average of thirty-four skilled hands. The premises occupied consist of two floors 25 x 100 feet each, provided with a most perfect equipment for manufacturing and with ample space for the display of a large and fine stock. The company also has a wide reputation as custom tailors and extensive dealers in furnishing goods of every description.

CENTENNIAL AMERICAN TEA CO., No. 223 Main Street.—If you accept the word of the average grocer as authority, you will believe that it is impossible for anyone to sell the best grades of teas and coffees at lower prices than he charges and at the same time make the purchaser of a certain quantity a useful and valuable present. It would be better to investigate for yourself, for experience proves that the Centennial American Tea Co. does just the thing your grocer would have you believe it cannot do, and that, moreover, it gives much better value than most grocers can afford at the same price. If this were not the fact the Centennial American Tea Co. would not be in a position to point to a highly-successful career in this line of trade extending over a period of eighteen years. The reason it can undersell competitors and present its patrons with articles of chinaware, bric-a-brac, etc., is that it possesses much larger facilities in securing goods in the primary markets than other dealers have, and is a direct importer of teas and coffees. Mr. William Stewart, who acted as manager for the company when it began operations in 1876, is still with it. He occupies a fine store 25 x 40 feet in floor dimensions at No. 223 Main Street, and gives employment to three competent clerks.

THE HARTFORD BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; R. P. Chapman, President; Geo. Stronach, Vice-President; A. S. Howe, Secretary and General Agent; Room 5, No. 370 Asylum Street.—The principle of the building and loan association is one of the most beneficial and distinct financial triumphs of the present century. It is but a legitimate application of American ideas of broad equality and co-operation to a most important field of banking; namely, loans on real property and for purposes of construction or improvement. Its universal and phenomenal success simply shows how intimately it is allied with the spirit of our institutions and people. The Hartford Building and Loan Association, whose home office is situated at Room 5 Batterson Building, No. 370 Asylum Street, this city, is one of the best New England representatives of its type. The field having been in part pre-empted by the old-style savings banks, the movement did not spread at once and so widely among our more conservative people as in some other sections of the country. But, as the main features of it have become better known in recent years, their broad fairness has given it a very wide popularity and influence. The Hartford Building and Loan Association was organized in 1889, and incorporated in 1893 under a special charter, and has done a steadily-increasing business throughout the State since its organization. One very important feature is that each stockholder has one vote, and no more, irrespective of the number of shares, which makes it exceptionally safe as a channel for investment to the man of small or moderate means, and most truly co-operative. Its rate of interest on all amounts paid in is a very liberal one, though not of the excessive character promised by some of the mushroom organizations. It has proved far more effective than any other type of organization in encouraging savings among the working people, as the returns are

estimated and allotted on the most equitable and square basis to all from the exact time of payment. It also secures to its members the opportunity for erecting and owning their homes, and also for making valuable and necessary improvements. The small weekly payments are adapted to the pocket-book of every sensible person, and secure advantages which cannot possibly be obtained in any other way. Mr. A. S. Howe, the Secretary and General Agent, is a well-known, reliable business man, and has been associated with the steady advance of this organization from the first. We advise all our readers to give the advantages presented by this method of saving and loaning a most careful examination, if they appreciate the value of living in their own homes.

M. S. SMITH, New and Second-Hand Furniture Bought and Sold, Nos. 558 to 564 Main Street.—When seeking to purchase furniture of any kind, it is always best to go where a large and complete stock may be inspected; for these articles are so extensive in number and variety that only by personal examination can it be satisfactorily determined just what is the most applicable to the end it is desired to serve. A Hartford house handling an immense variety of articles of this description is that conducted by Mr. M. S. Smith at No. 564 Main Street. It was founded about seven years ago by the present proprietor, who is a native of Vermont, and a well-known business man. The premises occupy a store 30 x 80 feet in size, with two basements for storage. New and second-hand furniture is bought and sold, also house-furnishing goods of all kinds. Chamber, parlor and kitchen furniture is shown in all the latest designs, and some of the chamber-sets shown in ash and antique are not only of fashionable style and the best workmanship, but are offered at surprisingly low figures. Goods are sold on the instalment plan at cash prices, and the assistants who are in attendance assure all customers of prompt and polite service.

E. S. CLARK, Dealer in and Packer of Seed-Leaf Tobacco, Nos. 225 and 227 State Street.—That important industry, the leaf-tobacco trade, to which Hartford owes a large share of its greatness as a manufacturing centre, has many long-established representatives, of which there is none more prominent than Mr. E. S. Clark. He has been engaged in this branch of business for the past forty years, not only as a dealer and packer of seed-leaf tobacco, but as a grower, having large plantations at Poquonac and at Bloomfield in this State. He averages forty to fifty acres in tobacco each year, and during the harvest time employs some fifty hands. His Hartford establishment is one of the largest as well as one of the oldest in the city, the warehouse being four stories in height, with a frontage of twenty-five feet, including both Nos. 225 and 227 State Street, and a depth of one hundred feet. A large staff of competent assistants is employed here, and all orders are executed with the utmost dispatch. Mr. Clark ships to all parts of the United States, and is prepared to execute the largest orders from any quarter at short notice.



TRINITY COLLEGE.

BERNARD MCGURK, Dealer in Meats, Poultry, Vegetables, Game, Eggs, Etc., No. 553 Main Street.—It is easy enough for a man to state the kind of service he wants to find in a market, for practically every one of us knows that the market he is looking for is one where the goods are varied in kind, reliable in quality, and low in price; where the service is prompt, intelligent and efficient, and where a man is just as sure to get what he wants if he orders it as it would be if he picked it out himself. It is evident that many residents of Hartford think that the market conducted by Mr. Bernard McGurk at No. 553 Main Street "fills that bill" pretty well; at all events, they surely consider it to be one of the best markets in town, for they buy all their meats, poultry, vegetables, etc., at Mr. McGurk's, and they tell their friends to do the same thing if they wish to save money and to make sure of getting just what they pay for. The premises utilized measure 15 x 50 feet in dimensions, and are stocked with a choice selection of meats of all kinds, poultry, vegetables, game, eggs, etc.; and, as the stock is constantly being renewed in all of its departments, it is always fresh, attractive and complete enough to admit of even the most fastidious tastes being suited. The proprietor gives close personal attention to the supervision of affairs, and employs two competent assistants, so the service is prompt, accurate and accommodating. Mr. McGurk succeeded Mr. A. Wilcox about seven years ago.

THE CUSHMAN CHUCK CO., Manufacturers of Improved Lathe and Drill Chucks, No. 30 Cushman Street.—No period in the history of the world has been so fertile in the production of superior mechanical devices as the past thirty years. Machines which were considered admirable at the beginning of this period are now considered as useless as though made two hundred years ago. A leading and successful house which has kept steadily in the van of the lines connected with its work is the Cushman Chuck Co. of Hartford, Conn. It was established in 1862 and incorporated in 1885, having been under the same active and careful management from the first. The officers are Mr. A. F. Cushman (President) and Mr. E. L. Cushman (Secretary and Treasurer). They manufacture the highest grade of improved lathe and drill chucks for all mechanical purposes. Their manufacturing plant consists of three connecting buildings, covering about one-third of an acre. It is equipped throughout with the latest and best machinery. Motive force is supplied by an engine of 75-horse and boiler of 100-horse power. The company employs on an average seventy-five first-class workmen. Their goods are sold in all parts of the world, and are admittedly the best in the market for the special purposes designed. In variety of styles, reliability and liberal prices this house is far the best of its kind in the State, if not in New England. Great ingenuity has been given to the perfection of detail and elaborate facilities provided for making special styles, so that it can uniformly afford the very highest degree of service in this department at figures which cannot be readily duplicated. Its descriptive catalogue and special circulars will prove of value to all interested in this department of business.

CHARLES A. POST, Fine Groceries and Flour, No. 709 Main Street.—Thirty years is a very long time to carry on a business, and it is especially noteworthy in the case of that carried on by Mr. Charles A. Post, for he has been identified with it from the very first, being the sole proprietor and succeeding Messrs. O. & O. Johnson. He is a native of Connecticut, and of course is almost universally known in this vicinity, not only on account of the length of his business career, but also by reason of the character of his business. For, as a dealer in fine groceries and flour, he caters especially to family trade. The premises utilized by Mr. Post are located at No. 709 Main Street, and comprise a fine store and basement each 25 x 65 feet in dimensions, this large amount of space being very completely availed of as an extremely large and varied stock is carried. It comprises an exceptionally complete line of staple and fancy groceries, and also an assortment of articles which are by no means always to be found in even the best stocked grocery stores, among Mr. Post's specialties being Washburn, Crosby & Co.'s Superlative Flour. Although "quality before price" may be said to be the governing principle of this establishment, still no "fancy prices" are quoted; on the contrary, as Mr. Post does a *strictly cash* business, goods are furnished at the very lowest prices, quality of course being considered. Employment is given to four efficient assistants, and two teams are utilized, and orders are assured prompt attention and accurate delivery.

THE ERNST SCHALL CO. (Ernst Schall, J. R. Stevens, J. J. Cloonan, F. D. Mann), Jewelers, Silversmiths, Diamond Merchants, Main Street, Corner Asylum Street.—One of the most enterprising and attractive of the many fine business establishments of Hartford is that conducted by the Ernst Schall Company as jewelers, silversmiths and diamond merchants. It is one of the oldest business houses in the city, its founder being Mr. Ernst Schall, who is still at the head of the business, and who began operations here over thirty-two years ago. The change in the firm style was made two years since, the following-named gentlemen being associated in the control of the business, under the title of "The Ernst Schall Co.": Messrs. Ernst Schall, J. R. Stevens, J. J. Cloonan and F. D. Mann. Mr. Stevens, who is a native of Hartford, has held a commission of lieutenant in the First C. N. G.; Mr. Cloonan also claims Hartford as his birthplace; while Mr. Mann, who is in charge of the watch department, is a native of Germany; Mr. Schall, the founder of the house, is a New Yorker. Their handsome store has a frontage on Main Street, corner of Asylum Street, and extends back forty feet on Asylum, having entrances also on that street, while upstairs are the workrooms, where the manufacturing and repairing are done. The firm do an extensive and valuable business, and carry a very large stock of fine jewelry, diamonds and other precious stones, watches and clocks of the best makes, Dresdenware, cut glass, silverware, optical goods of every description, bric-a-brac and fine stationery—making a specialty of wedding invitations. They employ five clerks, who extend prompt and courteous attention to all callers. A specialty is made of repairing fine watches and clocks, jewelry, etc.



ASYLUM STREET.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL.

DE WOLF & WHELOCK, Groceries and Provisions, Nos. 918 and 920 Main Street.—One of the most popular and largely-patronized grocery and provision stores in Hartford, where so many excellent establishments of this kind exist, is that carried on at No. 918 Main Street by Messrs. De Wolf & Wheelock. This business was established twenty-two years ago, and after several changes came into the hands of De Wolf & Johnson about one year ago. Mr. Johnson continued in the firm but a short time, and it was carried on by Mr. De Wolf until May 1, 1894, when the present firm assumed control. Both these gentlemen are natives of Connecticut, and utilize a double store 60 x 70 feet in dimensions, one side being devoted to the sale of groceries and the other to meats, etc. The premises are well supplied with facilities for carrying on a first-class business, three assistants being at hand to assure customers prompt and courteous treatment. A very fine and complete assortment of provisions and groceries of all kinds is carried, and pains are taken to provide for all tastes and all purses by furnishing goods of sufficient variety to satisfy every want. Orders will be promptly and accurately delivered, and are filled at the lowest market rates.

W. N. PELTON & CO., Wholesale Dealers in Dry Goods and Notions, Nos. 40 and 42 Union Place.—The different stages of business are just as essential to one another as the layers of stone in a foundation or the relative parts of an organic body. In order that there shall be wise and careful distribution of goods the experienced wholesale merchant has to apply principles of trade which could never have been grasped save by long and thorough training. A business house which for the better part of a quarter of a century has experienced a wide and deep influence upon city and State business affairs is that of Messrs. W. N. Pelton & Co. at Nos. 40 and 42 Union Place. With the steady advance of local trade it has afforded facilities and resources in its well-managed business of very great value both to the merchants and consumers throughout this section of the State. The firm occupy two floors of a large modernly-equipped building 90 x 50 feet in dimensions. It is at a very convenient location, opposite the New York, New Haven and Hartford Depot, and its facilities for prompt shipment of goods are exceptionally complete. They have experienced salesmen employed in handling their trade. The firm are importers, and carry a large stock of dry goods and notions of every kind. Special bargains and lots are carried at all seasons, and the prices are invariably at the lowest market basis. Dress goods, linens, gingham, calicoes, and general white and colored goods from the leading mills of the country, are always on hand. The special novelties for extending trade constantly being introduced will be found among the first at this old-established yet progressive house. They make a specialty of their hosiery and notion department. The firm consists of Messrs. W. N. Pelton and S. W. Clark. Mr. Pelton has been identified with the trade for the past thirty years, and Mr. Clark for fifteen years. Both are representatives of the most substantial and important trade interests of the State.

C. A. DENNING, Baker ; Bread, Pastry, Etc. ; No. 615 Main Street.—The modern bakery of the first class is as different from the bakeshop of our boyhood's days as the East is from the West. In fact baking has been reduced to an exact science, with what gain to the world at large any one who is at all observant can judge. Not only is the bread of this generation better baked than that which our fathers were compelled to eat, but the ingredients composing it are far superior. The flour is of the finest, and great care and skill are exercised in adjusting and mixing the proportions that the resultant product is not only a most wholesome and nourishing article of food, but is delightful to the taste and pleasing to the eye. In the making of cake and pastry, even greater progress has been made by the leading bakers in recent years. The variety is much greater, and the products themselves are more palatable and dainty. This is particularly true of the delightful things that come from the establishment of Mr. C. A. Denning, No. 615 Main Street. During the six years he has been in business in Hartford he has won the confidence and esteem of the residents of the city by the uniform excellence and high grade of the goods he places before them. He occupies small but well-equipped premises, and carries a fine assortment of bread, cake, pastry, etc. Competent assistants are employed in both the store and bakeshop. Mr. Denning is a native of Massachusetts, and very well known.

FRANCIS R. COOLEY, Banker and Broker, No. 4 Central Row.—The events of the past few years have demonstrated the extreme importance of knowing exactly the nature of investments and securities in which one has or desires an interest. The advice of an experienced and reliable broker in this department is undoubtedly of the highest importance. The firm of Wilson & Cooley, which had been a recognized and prominent broking house, was dissolved by expiration of partnership in 1891, and Mr. Francis R. Cooley has since continued to extend the business of the house and now controls some very large and important interests. His office, at No. 4 Central Row, is modernly equipped and has every facility for the quickest handling and intelligence in the important lines of trade. The prominent feature in Mr. Cooley's banking business is the very large and reliable operations in local securities, such as the new East Hartford (4%) bonds, Hartford, New Britain and other town bonds, Connecticut State, all the leading New England railroads, prominent banks and insurance companies, and the best industrial corporations in the State. Mr. Cooley publishes monthly quotation lists of this line of securities, and also of the many others handled. He also makes a feature of Blair & Co.'s foreign and domestic letters of credit and general foreign drafts. He is a member of the Hartford Stock Exchange and in connection with New York, Boston and Chicago, handling all lines of stocks and bonds bought and sold in those cities. Complete and uniform reliance can be placed upon the facilities at his command, and his trained, expert judgment is at the service of his many patrons, including prominent people of this and other cities of the State.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL—INTERIOR.



AETNA NATIONAL BANK.

FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$1,657,582.25
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	8.33
U. S. Bonds, to secure circulation.....	50,000.00
Stocks, Securities, etc.....	212,806.76
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)...	46,891.74
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	5,189.95
Due from Approved Reserve Agents.....	853,512.17
Checks and other Cash Items.....	3.00
Exchanges for Clearing-House.....	4,280.15
Notes of other National Banks.....	4,136.00
Fractional Paper Currency, nickels and cents....	95.44
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie.....	\$108,307.65
Legal Tender Notes.....	29,714.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treas. (5% of cir.)	138,021.65
	2,250.00
Total.....	\$2,974,777.44

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$525,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	250,000.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid..	103,894.12
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	43,335.00
Due to other National Banks.....	22,201.40
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	62.72
Dividends unpaid.....	237.50
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	2,030,046.70
Total.....	\$2,974,777.44

AETNA NATIONAL BANK OF HARTFORD (A. G. Loomis, President; A. Spencer, Jr., Cashier), No. 214 Main Street.—The Aetna National Bank of Hartford was organized as a State institution in 1857, and re-organized under the national banking laws in 1865. Its paid-up capital at first was \$525,600, and changed to the present amount under the national charter. During its long and important history the Aetna has been associated with many of the greatest financial movements of the State.

It has had as presidents such notable men as Judge E. A. Bulkeley, father of ex-Governor Bulkeley (a present Director); O. G. Ferry, a prominent merchant; Hon. Wm. R. Cone (of Hungerford & Cone), eminent as a lawyer, and A. R. Hillyer. The dominant spirit has therefore been in thorough accord with all the most conservative and best interests of the State.

The bank is one of the largest in the State, and has always been a staunch bulwark in local finance and commerce.

The last statement, appended herewith, gives a thorough idea of its strength and extensive resources:

The business quarters occupied in the Aetna Life Insurance Co. Building are most handsomely and thoroughly equipped, as regards architecture, convenience and security. A general banking business is handled, the facilities for exchange, collections and discounts being very complete, and prompt service is guaranteed. This is a favorite bank of this section for merchants' and trustees' accounts, as the exceptionally high standard of security serves as an element of credit in every line of business. The most marked feature in the history of the Aetna National Bank has been the very able and sound character of its management. The officers at the present time are: A. G. Loomis, President; A. Spencer, Jr., Cashier. Directors: Leverett Brainard, President of Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co. (present Mayor of Hartford); Joseph Merriman, East Hartford; Robert E. Day, President Security Company; Morgan G. Bulkeley (ex-Governor State of Connecticut), President Aetna Life Insurance Co.; Appleton R. Hillyer, formerly President of this Bank; A. G. Loomis, President. For the purposes of sound and energetic management a small board of the highest character is always most effective, and a glance at these names will give the best of evidence to our readers as to the leadership acquired and maintained by the Aetna National of Hartford.

J. WILKIE REID, Costumer and Fashionable Tailor, No. 602 Main Street.—Owing to the attention given to the tailor's trade and the employment of skilled labor, the functions of the tailor have within recent years steadily developed to the plane of a fine art. The garments must be fitted and cut with accuracy, and in a manner becoming to the wearer, and finished in a style of art entirely unknown a few years ago. We would in this connection refer to Mr. J. Wilkie Reid, located at No. 602 Main Street, as among the prominent tailors in Hartford. This business was established by Mr. Reid twenty-five years ago, moving to his present location nine years ago, and he has from the first successfully continued it, adding to his patrons year by year. The trade now being large affords employment to several very skilled and experienced assistants. The premises are neat and convenient and measure 40 x 15 feet in size. Mr. Reid is also a costumer, and is prepared to make costumes for balls in or out of the city. Costumes may also be obtained here for masquerade balls and theatricals, also dress snits for weddings, receptions, etc. Costumes will be made to order if desired, or they may be bought, sold or exchanged. Mr. Reid is a native of Scotland, and is a gentleman of unquestionable skill, being an expert and reliable cutter, and merits his extensive patronage.

UNITED STATES HOTEL (D. A. Rood, Proprietor), City Hall Square.—Every visitor to Hartford is familiar with the United States Hotel, and as this city is the political and social centre of State life it is fair to say that no other hotel in it exercises a wider or more important influence than that of this well-known and leading house. The United States has been established for more than fifty years, and under the able management of its present owner and proprietor, Mr. D. A. Rood, for the past forty. He is widely honored as a leading representative of the hotel fraternity of the United States, and, as is true of his house, enjoys a thoroughly national reputation. Mr. A. W. Rood, son of the proprietor, is the active manager of the house, being assisted by Mr. H. W. Tones, Day Clerk, and Mr. T. P. Skinner, Night Clerk. The hotel building occupies a prominent position on City Hall Square and is a substantial structure 140 x 170 feet in ground dimensions, and four stories in height. There are 165 guest rooms handsomely furnished and equipped with every modern convenience of light, heat and sanitation. The offices, dining-room and parlors are famed for their elaborate and recherché decoration. There is an admirably conducted café and billiard parlor in connection. The cuisine of the United States is too well known to need reference, being in every way in keeping with the highest standards. The service is of the most courteous and efficient type. These facts, combined with liberal rates (varying from \$2.50 to \$3 per day, American plan), have rendered the United States the leading favorite with the traveling public, and it does a very large business throughout the year. Its facilities are thoroughly appreciated by commercial travelers, who invariably stop here, and many leading legislators and public men are constantly numbered among its guests. It would be a mistake to visit Hartford without utilizing the superior and first-class facilities afforded by the United States Hotel.

W. E. BECKER, Architect, Room 7 Batterson Building.—The visitor to Hartford is at once impressed with the unusual and refined elegance both of the business blocks and private residences. There is not another city in New England, or, for that matter, in the United States, of its size, that is its peer in the uniform high standard and beauty of its architecture. One of the well-known and prominent experts in this department of Hartford affairs is Mr. W. E. Becker, whose office is located at No. 7 Batterson Building. He has been established here since 1880, and has built up a wide and influential clientèle. The imprint of his skill and artistic judgment is clearly seen on some of the very handsomest and most modern buildings both in the city and suburbs. His office is well equipped, and a corps of well-trained assistants, averaging four, is maintained. He executes every kind of plans, draughts and estimates for buildings, making a specialty of the sanitation and fire-proof character. He will be found thoroughly posted on all the latest modern details for comfort and elegance of exterior and interior finish. He also gives general supervision to the construction of buildings, and insures accuracy in the slightest details. His terms will be found fair and moderate in all respects. Among the many buildings of which he was the architect might be mentioned the "Casino," and the clubhouse for the Neighborhood Club Co.

WM. BOARDMAN & SONS, Wholesale Dealers in Teas, Coffees, Spices, Tobaccos, Cigars and Grocers' Sundries; Office and Warehouse, No. 304 Asylum Street.—There is no more certain mark of a first-class wholesale grocery store than the quality of its teas and coffees. Experienced business men need but slight reminder that the utmost importance in the development of a good trade is involved in obtaining the very best goods in this department. The house of Wm. Boardman & Sons has been running for more than fifty years, and has never failed to command the very best trade in its lines. It was established in 1841 by Mr. Wm. Boardman, and for the past three years has been under the management of his son, Mr. T. J., and grandson, Mr. H. F. Boardman. They occupy a handsome modern store at above address, comprising two stories 25 x 100 feet, and also have a special warehouse and manufacturing department, three floors 30 x 45 feet in dimensions. They are very extensive importers, and carry the heaviest stock of the kind in the city. Many of their goods are prepared under their own thorough and careful inspection. The wholesale and jobbing business extends through the southern part of New England, and requires the employment of sixteen clerks and salesmen. Among the most important lines handled are the best grades of coffees, teas and spices, ground and packed to order; oatmeal, rice, farina and all standard cereals; bromo, cocoa, chocolate, baking powders, bird food, condensed milk, cigars and tobaccos, smokers' goods of all kinds, hops, gelatine, starch, stove polishes and blacking, soda, soaps, twine, tacks, and a complete assortment of grocers' sundries. Many recent novelties are carried, and the stock is in every way up to date. Our readers can rely upon the most uniform and complete satisfaction in dealing with this old-established house, both as regards quality and liberal prices.

JOHN MOODY, Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Canned Goods, Meats, Etc., No. 120 Albany Avenue.—One of the leading merchants in this locality is Mr. John Moody, who carries the finest class line of goods at moderate prices within the reach of all. The business of Mr. John Moody has for the past six years maintained a position in its department of local trade. The premises occupied are located at No. 120 Albany Avenue, and measure 25 x 60 feet in dimensions. A large and complete stock of groceries, provisions, canned goods, meats, etc., are kept always on hand. Three experienced clerks and assistants are needed to handle the extensive and select retail trade, and the prices of this store are well known for their uniform liberality and fairness. As half or more of the value of groceries depends upon their purity and freedom from adulterations, our readers will consult their own interests very largely by examining and making trial of the high class of goods kept at this store. Orders are promptly filled and delivered when promised, two teams being in use for that purpose. This position which this house has attained is solely the result of its liberal dealings.

SIDNEY F. SOUTH, Merchant Tailor, No. 265 Main Street.—Americans have the reputation of being the best-dressed people in the world, and this undeniable fact is directly attributable to the excellence of the workmanship and materials placed at their disposal by American tailors. Here we have the combined ability and experience in sartorial art represented by the best tailors of all nationalities, with the results shown in the well-fitting and well-made garments displayed upon all occasions and in all places where men congregate. One of the most popular—and it therefore follows, one of the most competent—merchant tailors in Hartford is Mr. Sidney F. South, of No. 265 Main Street. A native of England, Mr. South came to New York many years ago, previous to which time he had several years' experience in the same line in London and Paris. For about twenty years he has been actively engaged in business in this city. One reason why the garments made at his establishment look well and fit well is that he does all the cutting himself. He occupies a finely-appointed front parlor at the address indicated. A most desirable line of the finest foreign and domestic woolsens, embracing the latest patterns and shades, is presented to his customers, while all orders are promptly executed, and at the most reasonable prices.

THE CHAS. E. REICHE, Billiard-Table Warerooms, No. 23 Mulberry Street.—The popularity of billiards as a game of skill has largely increased in recent years, interest in it having been quickened by the great improvements made in the appliances of the game, notably the tables, which have not only made billiards more interesting to amateurs, but have given a new zest to the professional game. Of the manufacturers who have acquired a high reputation for their tables Mr. Chas. E. Reiche, of Hartford, is entitled to take first rank. The Reiche billiard tables constantly grow in

popular favor, and are given the preference by professionals as well as amateurs. The business of manufacturing these superior tables was begun in 1879, and continued with ever-increasing success, The Chas. E. Reiche Billiard-Table Warerooms at No. 23 Mulberry Street now occupying two floors, each 16 x 110 feet in dimensions. The Reiche tables are made in regular or special sizes, of the very best materials and at most reasonable prices. Second-hand tables, in first-class condition, may also be obtained here, and repairs of all descriptions receive prompt attention. A stock of new balls, cues and all kinds of billiard materials is kept constantly on hand, and the prices charged are lower than those usually named by even the largest dealers.

T. H. LANGDON, Plumber, Steam and Gas Fitter, No. 228 Pearl Street.—There are some kinds of work which may be done in a "good enough" fashion without any bad results, but when it comes to plumbing and gas-fitting it is simply foolish to be satisfied with anything but the best, for inferior work in this line is dangerous, troublesome and expensive, to say nothing of its not answering the purpose for which it was designed. It is easy enough to have first-class plumbing done if you apply to the proper party, and certainly no wiser course can be taken than to leave your order with Mr. T. H. Langdon at No. 228 Pearl Street, for he is a thoroughly-competent plumber, steam and gas fitter. He has the facilities and the men to enable him to execute all commissions at short notice and in the most approved and satisfactory manner, the best of materials being used. He is uniformly moderate in his charges, and as he gives close personal attention to his business he is in a position to keep the service up to a very high standard of efficiency and to guarantee complete satisfaction to his patrons. Mr. Langdon makes a specialty of Rider Ericsson's hot-air pumping engines for country and seaside residences where there is no water supply. The store covers an area of 1,200 square feet, and is stocked with a full assortment of such goods as are usually handled by a first-class plumber, steam and gas fitter. Mr. Langdon is a native of Hartford, and is a successor to Mr. Geo. Robinson, who founded the business forty years ago. Mr. Langdon employs from eight to fourteen competent workmen, and can be relied upon to fill all orders in a most satisfactory and scientific manner.

HORACE H. KING, Dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, No. 495 Main Street.—Although there are many who say they "know a good shoe when they see it," the fact is that it is by no means easy to judge of the value of such an article simply by examination, for inferior stock can be so prepared as to look all right to any one but an expert, and the same may be said of the workmanship, or at least so much of it as shows on the outside. The way to get a reliable shoe at a fair price is to patronize an experienced and reputable dealer, and we know of none in Hartford who gives better value than Mr. Horace H. King, so that those wanting anything in the line of footwear would do well to give him a call. He carries a good stock, and warrants every

article he sells to prove just as represented. Mr. King is a native of Lyme, Conn., and is very well known throughout this locality as an enterprising business man. He established his present business fifty years ago, moving to his present location forty-eight years since. The store utilized is located at No. 495 Main Street, and measures 24 x 70 feet in dimensions, with a basement of the same size for storage. These premises are well stocked with a large and varied assortment of all kinds of boots, shoes and rubbers. The service is prompt and reliable, while Mr. King assures every caller courteous and intelligent attention.

J. H. WILLES, Art Store; Pictures, Frames, Engravings, Etchings, Artists' Materials, China for Decorating, Etc.; Picture Frames to Order; No. 451 Main Street.—The "Art Store" is, as its name indicates, devoted expressly to the handling of art goods; and, as its stock is large, varied and very skillfully chosen, it is one of the most attractive establishments in the city, especially to those of artistic tastes, for here may always be found a select assortment of pictures, frames, engravings, etchings, artists' materials, china for decorating, etc. The business was founded about eighteen years ago by its present proprietor, Mr. J. H. Willes, who is a native of Connecticut and is widely known in this vicinity. Particular attention is given to the making of picture frames of all descriptions, any style from the most simple to the most elaborate being made to order at short notice in the most skillful manner, and at moderate rates, also china firing attended to. A full line of mouldings, including the very latest novelties, is kept in stock, and the most extensive commissions can be executed without delay. The store is located at No. 451 Main Street, and measures 30 x 60 feet in dimensions, together with a room at the side devoted to the display of pictures, and all interested in art are cordially invited to visit it and look over the many beautiful engravings, etchings, etc., here displayed. Mr. Willes employs several competent assistants, and customers are waited upon promptly and attentively.

THE "HILL" MARKET (Burns & Christie, Proprietors), First-Class Meat, Fish and Vegetable Market, No. 544 Asylum Street.—Prominent among the many flourishing business houses in Hartford devoted to the meat and fish business is The "Hill" Market conducted by Messrs. Burns & Christie at No. 544 Asylum Street. This house was established three years ago by Crane & Gould, and succeeded by Burns & Christie. The premises occupied comprise a fine store 25 x 45 feet in dimensions, well-arranged and fitted-up for the transaction of its business. The stock of goods carried here is large, comprehensive and well-selected, and embraces everything in the way of meats, fish and vegetables. Employment is given to four prompt and reliable clerks, who are courteous and polite to all patrons. Orders are promptly filled and goods delivered to any part of the city. The individual members of the firm are Mr. W. J. Burns, a native of Connecticut, and Mr. F. D. Christie, of West Hartford. Their experience in the business gives them advantages in securing

their stock, and makes it desirable for consumers to inspect their supplies and prices before purchasing elsewhere. The very lowest market rates prevail, and the quality and character of the goods may be depended upon to be just as represented.

PARK DRUG CO.'S PHARMACY, No. 376 Asylum Street, Corner High Street, One Block from Union Depot.—It is a fact, though few appear to realize it, that whatever credit attaches to the healing of the sick is due in almost as great measure to the pharmacist as to the physician. The pharmacy laws of Connecticut require the most intimate knowledge on the part of the would-be druggist with every detail of the profession, and years of study and training are requisite to fit a man for the practice of the profession. When to all this is added a long practical experience, it will be seen at once that druggists who have been through such a course are hardly second to the doctor in all cases of illness. The proprietors of the "Park Drug Company" at No. 376 Asylum Street, corner of High Street, are such men as we have described. They established their present enterprise in 1871, and it is one of the oldest and most reliable pharmacies in Hartford. The premises occupied are very eligibly located one block from the Union Depot, and measure 25 x 40 feet in size. They employ eight careful assistants, and for quality, variety and fair price the stock carried cannot be excelled. It comprises drugs, chemicals, fancy goods, toilet and manicure requisites, homœopathic medicines, holiday, birthday and wedding gifts, fine colognes, toilet waters and handkerchief extracts—Lazell's, Wright's, Woodworth's, Lubin's and Roger & Gallet's being constantly on hand.

A. H. SMITH, New and Second-hand Furniture, No. 83 Trumbull Street.—In buying furniture it is always well to remember that durability is at least as important as appearance, and the only way to get durable as well as handsome goods is to patronize a dealer who not only guarantees his articles to prove as represented, but whose guarantee is worth something. No one can successfully deny that Mr. A. H. Smith "fills the bill" in both these respects, for such a denial would need no stronger refutation than that offered by the record this gentleman has made during the many years that he has carried on business here. The establishment in question was founded by Mr. Pomeroy, who was succeeded in 1890 by the present proprietor, who occupies premises 30 x 65 feet in dimensions at No. 83 Trumbull Street. Mr. Smith is a dealer in new and second-hand furniture, of which he carries a large stock, and the latest novelties, as well as a full line of staple articles, are always to be had here at the lowest market prices. One competent assistant is constantly in attendance, and all customers are served in a polite and intelligent manner, and every order is assured prompt and painstaking attention. Mr. Smith is a native of New York, and has a large circle of friends in this vicinity, while his business is increasing steadily, and it is pleasant to note a success so honestly won.

T. K. STARR, Dentist, Room 16, Cheney Building.—We cannot quite rid ourselves of the nervous feeling which seizes us when the necessity for visiting the dentist arises, although we recognize it as the survival of the feeling of dread which was warranted by the experiences of long ago. That there is little reason for its existence at the present day, when dentistry has been reduced to a science, and has been almost entirely robbed of painful features by the extreme skill and ability of dental operators, appears to make no difference to the majority of us, and it will probably linger with us for the remainder of our lives. All such feelings immediately disappear when the visitor is once ensconced in the operating chair of Dr. T. K. Starr, the well-known dental surgeon, whose handsome offices are located in the Cheney Building, Room 16. Dr. Starr has always made excellent provision for his patients' comfort, and has stopped at no expense in securing the latest and most approved appliances of his profession. He ranks with the foremost dentists of the city, having been actively in practice here for the past fifteen years. Dr. Starr is a member of the old family of that name who were among the original settlers of Webster, Mass. He is a young and popular man, and stands high in the Masonic order.

W. B. HOGAN & BRO., Plumbers and Gas-Fitters, Dealers in Plumbing Materials and Sanitary Appliances, No. 81 Trumbull Street.—In no branch of the building line has there been such a vast improvement as in the furnishings and supplies connected with plumbing, and not alone has the development affected the æsthetic qualities, but side by side has gone the regard for health. There is no question connected with plumbing and sewerage more important than is the question of ventilating and trapping; it is an unquestionable fact that sewer gas and fumes generated from decomposition of vegetable and animal matter are dangerous to health. This is no theory of ours, but has been repeatedly proved by practical experience, so we say to our readers, "Have no plumbing, steam or gas fitting done unless you can have it done right." Fortunately, there is no trouble in having such work properly done if you reside in Hartford or vicinity, it being necessary only to place the order with Messrs. W. B. Hogan and Bro., doing business at No. 81 Trumbull Street, for they have had twelve years of varied experience, and have unequalled facilities for the filling of the very largest orders at short notice, satisfaction being guaranteed to every customer. The individual members are W. B. and T. M. Hogan, both natives of this town. They are plumbers and gas fitters, making a specialty of sanitary appliances. They are also dealers in plumbing materials. The premises occupied comprise a well-stocked store 30 x 75 feet in dimensions. Small and large orders are given equally careful attention, and five skilled assistants are kept constantly employed.

SALL & McLAUGHLIN, Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Meats, Fish, Vegetables, Etc., No. 290 Park Street.—It is a very heavy and varied stock that is offered by Messrs. Sall & McLaughlin; and as they deal in such indispensable commodities as groceries, provisions, meats, fish, vegetables, etc., and make a specialty of Swedish delicatessens, such as anchovies, herring, cheese, Swedish drinks, raspberry juice, etc., also Swedish snuff, it is natural that a very extensive business should be done, especially as the goods uniformly prove as represented, and are sold at the lowest market rates. Mr. J. A. Sall was born in Sweden, but has lived in this country since his boyhood; Mr. J. J. McLaughlin is a native of Connecticut. They have been associated in business since 1887, and during the seven years since elapsed have made their establishment one of the most generally and favorably known of the kind in Hartford. The premises made use of are located at No. 290 Park Street, being well stocked with the goods already mentioned, and which are specially adapted for family use. The service at this popular store is remarkably prompt and efficient, much more so than that offered at many establishments doing a much smaller business, for employment is given to nine assistants and three wagons, while no trouble is spared to insure immediate and careful attention to every caller, orders being accurately delivered at short notice.

G. W. WOOLLEY & SON, Manufacturers and Jobbers in Coffins, Caskets and Undertakers' Sundries, No. 164 Main Street.—Modern taste demands, even in funeral arrangements, the presence of æsthetic and beautiful surroundings, and the funeral director is called upon to exercise the most discriminating care in these matters. The facilities placed at his command, in the discharge of his exacting duties, by the firm of Messrs. G. W. Woolley & Son are not exceeded in scope and value by those presented by any other house. Their long experience in this important branch of trade eminently fits them for their position of leading manufacturers and jobbers of this class of goods. In a volume of this description it is impossible to go into the details of each item presented for consideration, but it may be said that this firm is one of the highest standing, and that its products are without superiors in elegance of design and finish. Mr. G. W. Woolley, senior member of the firm, founded the business in 1843, and some years since his son, Mr. G. H. Woolley, was admitted to partnership, the present firm name being then adopted. Both gentlemen are natives of the State and long residents of this city, and are widely esteemed as manufacturers and merchants. Their establishment, which includes offices, sample rooms and factory, covers a space 69 x 200 feet, and occupies several stories and a large and well-stocked lumber yard.



PEARL STREET.

J. J. BRADY, Dealer in Fine Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Fruits, Etc., No. 526 Asylum Street.—One of the most important grocery establishments in this section of the city is that of Mr. J. J. Brady, located at No. 526 Asylum Street. This is an enterprising house, and the store is admirably adapted to the business and covers an area of 15 x 40 feet. The stock carried comprises fine groceries, teas, coffees, fruits, etc. An excellent trade is done in the vicinity, the proprietor being alive to the wants of the public. Customers are attended to with politeness and dispatch, and goods are delivered promptly. The business was originally established five years ago by the present proprietor, who has been very successful from the start. Mr. Brady is a native of Hartford and an active business man who has gained the entire respect of the community, both for business ability and integrity. The entire stock carried by Mr. Brady is neat, fresh and clean, and is offered at rates that insure its constant renewal. All adulterations and worthless, falsely-called cheap goods are rigorously rejected, and all customers are guaranteed that the goods sold by the house shall be eminently satisfactory and in every respect all that they are claimed to be.

T. SISSON & CO., Wholesale Druggists, No. 259 Main Street.—Little attention is given by the public in general to the vast extent and importance of the wholesale drug trade of this country, and for that reason this article is addressed to retail druggists, chemists and others who have a direct interest in the matter. Hartford has the distinction of containing one of the oldest and most prominent of the wholesale drug houses of the United States in the firm of Messrs. T. Sisson & Co. This firm is the direct descendant of the founder, Mr. D. P. Hopkins, who began business in the latter part of 1700. Subsequently, the firm of Lee, Hopkins & Butler was formed, and they were succeeded by Lee, Sisson & Co. The next change was to Sisson & Butler, and then came the present firm, which was organized in 1880, and consists of Messrs. Thos. Sisson, Geo. P. Chandler and Fred. H. Chapin. Mr. Sisson is a native of Hartford, and has been identified with the interests of the house in a proprietary sense for nearly forty years. Mr. Chandler was born in Vermont, and Mr. Chapin is an Indianian by birth. The facilities enjoyed by Messrs. Sisson & Co. as importing and jobbing druggists are not exceeded by those of any other house in the business, and they have long controlled a large and valuable trade which extends throughout this section. The firm has a large establishment at No. 259 Main Street—the main building—which has a ground measurement of forty by sixty feet, being one of the old time-honored structures in which this city abounds. There are four floors, each of which is fully occupied by the various departments, which embrace the sales and counting rooms on the store floor, and the crude drug, chemical, druggist's sundries departments, etc., above. In addition there is a large yard at the rear in which are several buildings used for storage purposes, for packing, shipping, etc. The large business done by the firm necessitates the employment of eighteen clerks and assistants, and it is notable that this force consists of only the most competent men. Back of the salesrooms on the first floor is a laboratory in which stands the old-fashioned,

broad, open fireplace, provided with crane and kettle, which are used in the preparation of various remedial specialties for which this house is celebrated. The stock carried by this house is a very full and complete one, embracing every variety of staple drugs and chemicals, from the crude roots, leaves and barks to the fine products of the most celebrated laboratories of the world. All the latest additions to materia medica, whatever form they take, are included in this stock. Their line of elegant pharmaceutical preparations, proprietary goods, druggist's sundries, perfumery, essential oils, etc., is most complete.

GEO. F. ABELS, Furniture Warerooms, No. 459 Main Street.—There are many careful housekeepers to be found in Hartford and vicinity, and not a few of them have discovered that the establishment conducted by Mr. George F. Abels at No. 459 Main Street is a most excellent one to visit when anything in the shape of furniture is wanted. This enterprise was founded about fifteen years ago by the present proprietor, who is a native of Hartford and is well known here. Employment is given to two reliable assistants, who assure all customers prompt and courteous attention. The premises utilized are 35 x 100 feet in size, and consist of three floors that display to advantage the elegant stock of furniture here sold. The prices placed upon these goods are very low, yet every article is guaranteed to prove exactly as is represented in every respect. The goods are all carefully selected, a specialty being made of furniture for local trade, and, being offered at low prices, they meet a quick and ready sale. Hence, it is not surprising that Mr. Abels has customers of very long standing.

LAWRENCE DALY, Dealer in Glenwood Stoves, Ranges and Furnaces, No. 106 Main Street.—No better illustration of the perfection which has been attained in the manufacture of stoves, ranges and furnaces can be found than by an inspection of the stock of Mr. Lawrence Daly, whose establishment was founded about seven years ago, and which has ever since its inception been recognized as among the leading ones in the stove trade of Hartford. This house was established by the present proprietor, who is a native of Massachusetts. At his store, which is located at No. 106 Main Street, may be found everything needed in the line of stoves, ranges and furnaces. He makes a specialty of the Glenwood stoves, ranges and furnaces, and also of the Utica Standard Furnace. He is also prepared to fill orders for tin, copper and sheet-iron work; tin roofing being a specialty. The premises utilized for this extensive trade comprise a store 25 x 50 feet in dimensions. Four assistants are required in the various departments of the business, and a large trade is transacted. Mr. Daly served in the Fire Department for six years, assisting in the saving of much property to citizens of Hartford. He will be found worthy of the extended patronage he enjoys; and, therefore, we commend his house to all.



WETHERSFIELD AVENUE.

T. A. HONISS, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Open and Shell Oysters, Round and Long Clams; Soft Crabs a Specialty; No. 30 State Street, under United States Hotel; Telephone Call, 703-5; Orders for Fish of All Kinds for Honiss & Abbe, No. 183 State Street, Attended To.—The oyster is one of the most popular articles of food we have, and its praises have been sung far and wide. The most fastidious epicure gives to the oyster first place as a most delectable dish. No banquet or feast is complete without it. Many are the varieties of serving it to the popular taste by the imagination and creation of the artistic *chef*. In every dish its popularity is never destroyed, as it always retains the seductive flavor of the same delicious oyster. The only disadvantage connected with the use of it is that it must be perfectly fresh in order to be palatable and nutritious, and there is no difficulty in obtaining perfectly fresh oysters in all their many varieties at the wholesale oyster depot of Mr. T. A. Honiss, No. 30 State Street, under the United States Hotel. He is the only exclusive jobber of oysters in Hartford, and to this fact is due the reliability of obtaining any kind, and, of course, in dealing in such quantities, they are always sure to be fresh. He has been located at above address for nineteen years, dealing in open and shell oysters, round and long clams, making a specialty of soft crabs. He also makes a specialty of supplying families out of town as well as in the city. He has an extensive trade throughout the State, not to speak of the City of Hartford and its immediate vicinity. He is also head of the firm of Messrs. Honiss & Abbe, wholesale dealers and shippers of all kinds of fish, oysters, clams, etc., at Nos. 183 and 185 State Street, which firm carry a heavy stock of fish, both wholesale and retail, and supply anything in their line at the lowest market prices. Mr. Honiss is a native of Connecticut, and has been Councilman of the city, and is widely and popularly known for many years in social and business circles of Hartford.

H. J. WIERS, M. D. (Successor to the Late I. J. Sperry, M. D.), No. 10 Mulberry Street.—Few proprietary medicinal preparations are possessed of the virtues ascribed to them. Their chief fault lies in the fact that they are put forward as panaceas, or cure-alls; and, though they may have some value as remedies in specific cases, it is seldom they reach the diseases they are advertised to cure. Having these facts in mind, the reader will better understand the beneficent nature of the various preparations which bear the well-known and honored names of Drs. I. J. Sperry and H. J. Wiers. They are specifics designed for the cure of certain disorders and diseases, the root of which they reach, and there is no claim made that they will cure any and all forms of illness. Their efficacy in their respective spheres of usefulness has been repeatedly and amply proved during the many years they have been before the public. The list of these valuable specific remedies includes Dr. Sperry's Sarsaparilla Syrup, the highly-salutary effects of which in all disorders resulting from impurities of the blood are thoroughly established by an experience of over fifty years. It is a purely vegetable compound. Dr. Sperry's Cinnamon Cordial is the best-known remedy for the cure of dysentery, cholera,

cholera-morbus, cholera-infantum, diarrhœa, pains in the stomach and bowels, colic, cramps, spasms, difficult teething, etc. The sole right to prepare this invaluable remedy was conferred upon Dr. H. J. Wiers. Sperry's Cough and Croup Syrup is without an equal in whooping-cough, colds, irritation of the lungs, and is especially valuable in the earlier stages of consumption. It contains no anodyne, but cures by removing the cause of irritation. Dr. Sperry's Rheumatic or Hot Drops, Columbo Bitters, Unicorn Bitters and Spice Bitters are too well known to need special commendation, while Sperry's Vegetable Composition is one of the best family medicines for the use of young or old in all cases of headache, pains in the limbs, stomach or bowels, cold hands or feet, and female complaints caused by cold. Dr. Wiers' Neutralizing Mixture is without a peer in cases of flatulency in children, diarrhœa, vitiated secretion, cholera-infantum, etc., and a particularly valuable remedy is the "3d Preparation of No. 1" for suspended animation, lock-jaw and hydrophobia, or for an emetic. The business of compounding and selling these invaluable preparations has been established for fifty years. The late Dr. Sperry was a physician of note and a chemist of the highest standing. Since his death the business has been carried on by his widow with the competent assistance of chemists thoroughly versed in the methods of compounding these remedies. The business has for many years been carried on at No. 10 Mulberry Street, and is still located there.

PARK KNITTING WORKS, Manufacturers of Medium and Fine Woolen and Worsted Gloves and Mittens, No. 336 Asylum Street.—Inventive genius has made many brilliant discoveries in the immediate past, but men have yet failed to find any substitute whatever which could serve as well the purposes for which knitted worsted goods have been used for hundreds of years. The Park Knitting Works of Hartford (No. 336 Asylum Street) have for the past fifteen years maintained a recognized and leading position in this department of local trade. The proprietors are Messrs. C. C. Plaisted & Co., and the business has been under their active management since its first establishment in 1879. They manufacture a general line of medium and fine woollen and worsted gloves, mittens, bicycle hose and seamless sweaters of a fine grade, which have proven uniformly and widely successful. Among their leading specialties are bright silk mittens, bicycle hose, and seamless sweaters in white and special colors; these are made from the best long Australian wool and give exceptional satisfaction in the matter of durability and solid wear. Their trade extends to all parts of the country and has been increasing each year. This is a natural result of the reliable first-class material, high grade of work, and liberal prices maintained. It will be difficult to find on the American market a line of goods which can give equally good results for the money, and with the steadily increasing intelligence of the people a fact of this sort is bound to tell. Dealers should not fail to make a thorough trial of the reliable goods of the Park Knitting Works, and they will find them to more than equal expectation.



BRIDGE IN BUSHNELL PARK.

P. H. DUNN, Dealer in Hardwood and Slate Mantels, Grates and Brass Goods, No. 218 Pearl Street.—The art of woodworking and stonemasonry has reached such a high degree of excellence that to say a dealer carries a line of such goods that are equal to the best is to give them unqualified and unreserved endorsement, but this is just what may truthfully and reasonably be said of the goods handled by Mr. P. H. Dunn; and, hence, all who place orders with him are sure of having them filled in a thoroughly artistic and satisfactory manner. Mr. Dunn has been located at his present address since 1891, and is doubtless one of the most widely-known of our resident business men. Mr. Dunn is a dealer in hardwood and slate mantels, grates and brass goods of all kinds; also, art tiles for fireplaces, bathrooms and wainscoting, as well as monuments, headstones and slate urinals. The premises utilized are located at No. 218 Pearl Street, comprising two floors, each 2,250 square feet in dimensions, which contain a large and varied assortment of the goods named above. Four competent assistants are employed, and prompt attention is given to every order, special attention being given to the laying of marble and mosaic floors, work being executed in all parts of the State. Mr. Dunn, who is a native of Connecticut, is well known throughout this vicinity. He does a large business, and it is very natural that he should, for he offers unsurpassed inducements, and both as regards prices for and quality of work can safely challenge competition.

H. E. BILLINGS, Asphalt and Concrete Pavements; Chimney Flue Linings; Extension Tops; No. 154 Charter Oak, Corner Van Dyke, Avenue.—Americans have the reputation of being a long-suffering people, particularly in those matters which affect the community as a whole rather than the individual, and one of the most astonishing evidences of this apparent apathy to the public comfort and convenience, as viewed by a foreigner, is the manner in which we put up with the rough and unsightly paving of city streets. It is notable, however, that American cities have greatly improved of recent years in respect to their pavements. Smooth, level highways have taken the place of the jolting and everyway miserable cobbles of former times, and miles of asphalt streets have been laid in nearly all of our cities and towns. For paving this material is coming into wide favor, for reasons which must be apparent to every one who has ridden or walked over it. Among the representative houses making a specialty of this description of paving is that which was established in 1884 by Mr. H. E. Billings, and still conducted by him at No. 154 Charter Oak Avenue, corner of Van Dyke. He has an extensive business in the laying of concrete and asphalt pavements, but this is only one part of his extensive enterprise, his business including the setting and selling of North River and Pennsylvania flagging, coping, etc., Glastonbury and Haddam granite curb, gutter and cross-walk, and chimney flue linings and extension tops. He also deals largely in Rosendale and Portland cements, J. B. King's Windsor cement and dry mortar, Massachusetts and Canaan limes, plaster, hair, mortar, colors, sea sand, drain tile, etc.

THE ELDREDGE CO., Manufacturers of Fine Casket Hardware, No. 110 Commerce Street; H. G. Kellogg, President; Geo. L. R. Eldredge, Manager; E. J. Eldredge, Treasurer.—It is undeniable that there is great advantage in buying from a growing concern, not only because of the greater variety in the stock presented, but, what is of still greater consequence, for such a house, as a result of its large connection and the wide scope of its transactions, is in a position to quote closer prices than smaller competitors find it possible to meet. It is for this reason that The Eldredge Company, of this city, is able to maintain a leading position among houses in its branch of trade, and command the largest and best class of patronage. The company, of which Mr. H. G. Kellogg is President, Mr. E. J. Eldredge is Treasurer, and Mr. Geo. L. R. Eldredge is Manager, have been prominent for many years as manufacturers of fine casket hardware, having formerly been located at South Glastonbury, in this State. They removed their plant to this city some two years ago, in order that they might have better facilities for shipping, etc. Their trade extends throughout the United States, and is annually extending. Their factory building is 70 x 100 feet, and is divided into a moulding room, buffing or finishing room, plating room and shipping department, the equipment of the plant being perfect in every detail. They employ an average force of twenty skilled hands, and are always prepared to fill the largest orders promptly. The company's offices are at No. 110 Commerce Street.

FRED. R. LOYDON, State Agent for The United States Mutual Accident Association, No. 73 Pearl Street.—Mr. Fred R. Loydon has conducted the Connecticut agencies of The United States Mutual Accident Association since 1892, and is therefore widely known and highly esteemed throughout Connecticut. This association was formed for the purpose of furnishing thoroughly dependable accident insurance at the lowest cost consistent with equity, and it is but simple justice to say that it has fully justified the claims of its founders, and has proved that their announced determination to build up an association that shall be an honor to the officers, a credit to the United States, and a certain protection to the insured, was made in good faith, and has been, and is still being, executed with most commendable ability and zeal. All just claims are paid promptly and in full, and the liberality of the policy and excellence of the management are proved by the fact that the association pays more benefits than any other company without increasing the cost. The indemnities are offered at remarkably low rates; in short, the advantages offered are such that no man can afford to remain in ignorance of them, and there is certainly no excuse for doing so, for application blanks, rates and full information will be cheerfully given on application, in person or by letter, to Mr. Fred. R. Loydon, the agent located at No. 73 Pearl Street, or to the New York office at Nos. 320, 322 and 324 Broadway. Remember, the cost of insurance in the United States Accident Association is within the means of all, while the benefits derived, in case of death or total or partial disability, may make all the difference between comfort and destitution.



ASYLUM STREET.

C. H. SMITH, Jr., Investment Securities; Stocks, Bonds, Real-Estate Loans; Ætna Insurance Co.'s Building.—Among the representative men in the stock-brokerage business in Hartford, special mention should be made of Mr. C. H. Smith, Jr., who for many years has occupied a prominent position in this important department of finance. The business which he now controls was formerly exclusively confined to loans on approved Western mortgages, but in recent years its scope has been greatly enlarged and now comprehends operations in stocks, bonds, real-estate loans, and securities generally, only the best and most desirable lines being handled. The business was established in 1870 by Mr. E. D. Tiffany, who was succeeded by Messrs. C. H. Smith & Co., the senior member of that firm being the father of the present head of the house. Mr. C. H. Smith, Sr., is a member of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Insurance Company, and holds a similar position in the Smyth Manufacturing Co. and the Connecticut Trust and Safe Deposit Co. Mr. C. H. Smith, Jr., is a man of large experience in his special line, and one of the most successful. His facilities for obtaining the most reliable information as to the tendency of the market are of the most perfect kind, and he is therefore well situated to execute orders for stock, bonds or other securities, either for investment or speculative purposes. Mr. Smith occupies fine offices on the ground floor of the Ætna Insurance Co.'s building, where every facility is presented to customers to obtain all desirable information.

JOHN S. RUSSELL, Fine Groceries, Wines, Etc., Nos. 640 to 646 Main Street.—It is a matter of history that more than half a century ago one of the centrally located business stands in the then village of Hartford was the general store of Chester Adams, the site of the present store of Mr. John S. Russell, the subject of this sketch. Generation after generation have "bartered" at this stand. The original building in course of time has given way to more modern conveniences, and the reputation of the house still holds good. The successor to Chester Adams was James M. Adams, who continued from the year 1863 to 1869, when Hiram W. Adams conducted the business, he selling out to Mr. Byron P. Soper. In 1872 Mr. Hiram W. Adams again resumed the business, he again selling out to Mr. Byron P. Soper, who afterwards sold out to Messrs. Russell & Barns, who conducted the business until November 1, 1882, when Mr. John S. Russell assumed the business, purchasing the interest of his partner. The store, Nos. 640 to 646 Main Street, is 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, with an extension of 20 feet used for storing purposes, also a large cellar extending underneath the entire store, giving ample room for his business, and is thoroughly stocked with a very comprehensive and well-selected stock of everything in the way of fancy and staple groceries, and embraces pure and fresh teas, coffees, spices, sugars, foreign and domestic fruits, canned goods of the highest standard, select brands of flour, provisions, smoked and salt meats, and fish. Mr. Russell makes a particular specialty of teas and coffees, also of pure and fresh creamery butter, the latter being received from the best dairies in the country. He also makes a specialty of foreign and domestic

wines, liquors, cigars, ales and cider, which can be purchased in any quantity desired, and for the accommodation of patrons a well fitted-up sample room is in the rear of his store. The goods of this establishment are noted for their freshness and absolute purity, and customers can always have the complete satisfaction of knowing that nothing inferior or adulterated will be sold to them. Polite attendance is given to patrons, and the utmost care and diligence is given to the fulfillment of their orders, while the store is a model of neatness and cleanliness. Mr. Russell is a native of Cromwell, this State, and from there he moved to Middletown, Conn., residing there until 1863, when he moved to Hartford, entering the employ of Jas. M. Adams, and remaining with the house through its successive changes until he became sole proprietor. He is a wide-awake, pushing and energetic business man, honorable and popular, and enjoys the confidence of the entire community.

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY;

Hartford Office No. 5 Allyn House Block, Asylum Street.—It has long been a matter of debate as to which is the best of the various makes of sewing machines now on the market. Those who have used the world-famous Singer have but one opinion on that subject, and it would be a most difficult if not an impossible task to induce them to change in favor of another machine. While most of the other machines on the market have many points in common, and good ones at that it must be admitted, the Singer sewing machine holds a place distinctively alone as different from that of the others, as its mechanism, its durability and its capacity for work of every description differ from theirs. For family use the Singer is without an equal, and it is preferred by tailors, shoe manufacturers and other industrial concerns, for whose use it is made in special forms, particularly adapted to the class of work on which they are engaged. The Singer is the oldest and most reliable machine made, and it is used by hundreds of thousands of people in all parts of the world (nearly twelve million machines have been made by the company), being as favorably known in Europe as it is on this continent. The company received the first premium at the World's Columbian Exposition, and fifty-four first awards, the largest number of awards obtained by any exhibitor, more than double the number received by all the other sewing-machine companies. The headquarters of The Singer Manufacturing Company in Hartford is at No. 5 Allyn House Block (having occupied the same store continuously for 36 years), and is under the able management of Mr. J. W. Osborn, who has had a long practical experience in this department of business. Three floors, each 30 x 60 feet in extent, are occupied, and every style of the Singer Machine is on exhibition. A large amount of business is done at the Hartford office, the City Department alone employing four bookkeepers, sixteen salesmen and operators, and three expert machinists to attend to necessary repairs and the fitting up of factories with power tables and machines for every variety of work, they being always in attendance to show and explain the operation of the machine. This, however, may be seen almost at a glance, for one of the many good points of the Singer is its extreme simplicity, and its freedom from liability to get out of order.



SOUTH SCHOOL.

GEMMILL, BURNHAM & CO., Merchant Tailors, Manufacturers and Retailers of Fine Ready-Made Clothing, Nos. 64, 66 and 68 Asylum Street.—The triteness of the saying that the best is the cheapest takes nothing from its force, particularly in its application to clothing, nor is that equally trite aphorism, "It pays to buy the best," to be despised by the buyer of wearing apparel. The best in this sense does not mean that which is the highest priced, but substantial, well-made and handsomely-fitting garments, such as are found in profusion at the well-kept and widely-known establishment of Messrs. Gemmill, Burnham & Co., at Nos. 64, 66 and 68 Asylum Street. This firm has a reputation for reliability and for their moderate charges—a reputation based on many years of straightforward methods and honorable dealings. They laid the foundations of their prosperous business in 1871, and have continued to thrive and grow as do only those houses which command the confidence of the public. The firm have been located at their present stand since 1882, and are known far and near as leading merchant tailors, manufacturers and retailers of fine ready-made clothing. They occupy three floors of the fine building on Asylum Street, the space covered by which is 40x120 feet. In their manufacturing department they employ an average of forty skilled hands, in addition to three expert cutters, and in the retail store they have fifteen clerks and salesmen. The advantages of buying of the manufacturer are so apparent that it is unnecessary to go into that subject here. The members of the firm are popular and prominent men, Mr. Burnham having held a seat in the Board of Aldermen for four years and in the City Council for a year, while Mr. Gemmill served for three years in the 16th Connecticut Regiment, and is now Captain of the City Guard of Veterans. Messrs. Gemmill, Burnham & Co., carry a very large line of men's, boys' and children's clothing of the best materials and workmanship. Their custom department is one of the largest in the city, and their work in this line is not surpassed by that of any other house in the trade, not excepting those who make a specialty of custom tailoring.

THE LOVELL & TRACY CO., Manufacturers of Cylinder Lubricating Oils and Axle and Shafting Grease; Axleline; C. A. Lovell, President; S. G. Tracy, Secretary and Treasurer; Office, No. 71 Asylum Street; Manufactories, Nos. 75, 77 and 79 Ferry Street and No. 243 State Street.—The immense and important manufacturing interests of the section of the country for which Hartford is the natural depot of supplies demand the largest and most varied facilities for procuring these supplies in the most prompt and satisfactory manner, and has resulted in the building up and maintenance of a commercial community the magnitude and scope of which are not exceeded by any business district of similar extent in the country. In the whole range of commodities covered by this great field there are none of higher consequence than those coming under the head of mill supplies, and there are few that equal in importance the lubricants which are used in such a variety of forms and in such vast quantities by the great industrial establishments of this section. Therefore,

the facilities presented by The Lovell & Tracy Co. are of a character that is thoroughly appreciated by manufacturers and consumers generally, as is attested by the large and constantly-increasing business done by the firm. They are manufacturers of cylinder lubricating oils and axle and shafting grease, their celebrated Axleline having a very large sale as one of the best and cheapest lubricants known. The firm was established in 1882, and have always been large manufacturers and dealers, the extent of their business being indicated by the fact that they have a large number of traveling salesmen throughout the United States, their trade extending from New England to Texas and California. They handle extensively the animal oils used by woolen and other textile manufacturers, leather men, etc., and also naphtha and burning oils. They make special brands of harness oil and harness soap which are extremely popular, and a superior furniture polish which has a wide sale. At Nos. 75, 77 and 79 Ferry Street, and No. 243 State Street, they occupy two large buildings for manufacturing and storage purposes, their offices being at No. 71 Asylum Street.

E. SIMONS & CO., Dealers in and Restorers of Antique Furniture, No. 174 Pearl Street.—Although a great deal of the "newspaper talk" concerning the alleged manufacture of "antique" furniture is so exaggerated as to be unworthy of credence, it still has sufficient foundation in fact to make it worth while to use careful discrimination in the placing of orders for such goods, as there is unquestionably much furniture sold at fancy prices as "genuine antique" which is only antique in name. Of course, the making of furniture in antique styles is a perfectly legitimate industry, but it should be sold on its own intrinsic merits and not be given a fictitious value by being represented to be many years old. Messrs. E. Simons & Co. have gained an enviable reputation as widely-informed and thoroughly-trustworthy dealers in antique furniture during the four years that they have carried on that business in Hartford, and as their stock is always large and desirable, and their prices uniformly moderate, our readers would do well to call at their store, No. 174 Pearl Street, before purchasing elsewhere. They deal in and restore antique furniture, buying it and cleaning it up for sale, and are very successful in obtaining rare and artistic specimens of such goods, and have some nice old curiosities in the above-named lines, including several "grandfather clocks." Messrs. Simons & Co. maintain a well-equipped establishment, a part of which is utilized as a cabinet shop, where first-class repairing is done to order and at reasonable rates, a specialty being made of the repairing of hall clocks, regilding mirror frames, etc. Employment is given to a number of skilled assistants, and no trouble is spared to ensure complete satisfaction to every customer. Mr. E. Simons is a native of Connecticut, and Mr. Patrick Stevens of Canada, and both are too well known among the reliable business men of Hartford to require any personal comments from us; therefore, we will only add, in conclusion, that all who desire to obtain bargains in genuine antique furniture should visit their establishment.



MAIN STREET.

J. P. MARTIN, Choice Family Groceries; Best Teas, Coffees, Spices, Etc.; Flour, Butter, Eggs, Etc.; No. 125 Charter Oak Street.—A store of the character and appearance of that conducted by Mr. J. P. Martin at No. 125 Charter Oak Street is a credit to any community, and this fact seems to be fully appreciated by the people of this vicinity, who show their appreciation by a liberal and sustained patronage. Appearances, however, might count for little with discriminating buyers were they not supported by something more substantial, and it is evident from a glance at the stock presented at Mr. Martin's establishment why he enjoys such a large and prosperous trade. From the beginning of his enterprise he has made it an invariable rule to handle none but first-class goods, and by so doing he has been able to attract and hold the most desirable class of patronage. It may be said that a better or more complete stock of choice family groceries is not to be found anywhere in the city. The finest brands of flour have a conspicuous place in it, and those who are judges of good teas and coffees pronounce Mr. Martin's stock unsurpassed. Pure spices are another most notable feature of the stock, considering that in these days it is next to impossible to obtain any of the condiments free from adulteration. In fact, all of the staples are of the very best quality, and sold at prices that defy competition. Mr. Martin is an energetic, progressive man, and well deserves the popularity he has gained.

IDEAL RESTAURANT (C. W. Johnson, Proprietor), No. 250 Asylum Street.—It might seem at first thought easy enough to manage a restaurant, but there is no person who has had much occasion to patronize these places but what will say that the really good ones are a small minority. Why, is not for us to state. We have our own theories on the subject, but our readers want facts rather than theories, and are naturally more interested in learning of one good dining-room than in hearing the reasons why a half-dozen are not good. Therefore, we will hasten to call their attention to the "Ideal Restaurant" conducted by Mr. C. W. Johnson at No. 250 Asylum Street, for this gentleman is one of the few who know how things should be done, and spares neither time nor money in attaining satisfactory results. Mr. Johnson opened his present place of business in 1893, and rightly named it the "Ideal Restaurant." The premises comprise a fine store 20x50 feet in size, and can accommodate quite a number of guests, being nicely fitted up with all the necessary conveniences. But, after all, the main point to be considered in an establishment of this kind is the food, and here Mr. Johnson comes out strong, for he supplies his customers with the best that the market affords, and takes measures to see that it is properly cooked, and promptly and courteously served. Employment is given to seven competent assistants, and the comfort and convenience of patrons are looked out for on every hand. The prices here are very moderate, a hot dinner being served from 11:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. for twenty-five cents, and meals are also cooked to order, the restaurant being open on week days from 6 A. M. to 8 P. M., and on Sundays from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. A specialty is made of regular board and meal tickets, the prices of which are very reasonable.

EAGLE DYE-HOUSE (George Rohrmayer, Proprietor); Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments of Every Description Cleansed and Dyed; No. 11 Wells Street and No. 88 Trumbull Street.—For twenty years a leading and successful house in its department of local trade has been conducted by Mr. George Rohrmayer of this city. The Eagle Dye-Works, at No. 11 Wells Street and No. 88 Trumbull Street, are known far and wide through this part of the State as affording a very superior and reliable class of work at unexcelled terms and prices. They were established by Mr. Rohrmayer in 1874, and have been under his careful, thorough management from the first. Neatly and well-equipped business premises are occupied at above address, and a corps of seven trained assistants regularly employed. Every kind of ladies' and gentlemen's garments is cleansed, dyed and repaired in the very best manner. The prices are fully equal to those obtained in the large city establishments, and the service is invariably of the most reliable kind. Delicate work, lace curtains, feathers, etc., are handled with the best of care, and satisfaction guaranteed on all work. Another popular feature is the prompt delivery which can always be relied upon with this leading house. When in search of the best results in this line, where great economy can often be secured by good judgment, our readers will do well to use the superior facilities of the well-known Eagle Dye-House.

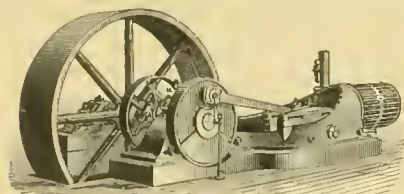
ROBERT WALKER & CO., Painters' Supplies, Paints, Oils, Glass; Painting and Decorating Executed Promptly; Wall Papers, Decorations, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, Artists' Materials; No. 389 Main Street.—One of the most complete establishments of its kind in Hartford is that of Messrs. Robert Walker & Co., who since 1870 have held a prominent place among the decorators of this city, and the position they hold has been earned by the force of ability and square dealing. All of their work bears evidence of painstaking care and a desire to give their patrons the best that is attainable in return for their confidence in them. They use nothing but the best material, whether the work be interior decorating, paper-hanging or house-painting, and, as they employ only the most competent workmen, whatever they undertake in their line is sure to be well done. Besides the practical department of their business, they carry an extensive line of wall papers, decorations, window shades, curtain poles, artist materials, painters' supplies, paints, oils, glass, etc., at their store, No. 389 Main Street. The premises utilized comprise three floors 20x160 feet in size, and a shop in the rear, besides a storehouse at another location. During the busy season employment is given to about forty men, thirty of whom are employed on outside work and ten in the store. Estimates for all work in their various departments will be promptly and cheerfully given, and orders entrusted to them will be executed with the greatest dispatch. The business was established in 1870 by Robert Walker. They moved to their present store in 1882. Mr. Warren R. Marsh, after being employed in the store for many years, was admitted as a partner in 1888. Mr. Walker is a native of Scotland and has been in this country for thirty-five years. Mr. Marsh is a native of Plainfield, N. J.



MAIN STREET.

ROBERT GARVIE (Successor to Wm. A. Garvie), Practical Plumber and Gas-Fitter; Gas Fixtures a Specialty; Dealer in Water Closets, Marble Slabs, Bath-Tubs, Hydrants, Sheet-Lead, Lead-Pipe, Plain and Galvanized Iron Pipe, Hydraulic Rams, Copper Boilers and Galvanized Boilers; No. 12 Mulberry Street.—So much has been written and said of late years on the subject of sanitary plumbing that it may be assumed that the average house-owner or householder is fully alive to the importance of this matter. It does not follow, however, that he or they are as well posted regarding the qualifications of the various men who may bid for the plumbing work they may have to dispense. For the benefit of those who may not already be apprised of the fact, we would say that there is no firm in Hartford better equipped for the most modern and advanced work in this line than is Mr. Robert Garvie. This gentleman has sustained a high reputation as a progressive man and thoroughly practical plumber and gas-fitter for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Garvie was born in Scotland, but was brought to this country while an infant. He learned his trade in Hartford, and has long made this city his home. His place of business at No. 12 Mulberry Street is provided with an elegant show-room 25 x 25 feet in dimensions, where are displayed the finest examples of baths, wash-stands, etc., and the latest sanitary improvements. Mr. Garvie has done work for many of the representative people of this city. He did the plumbing in the Waverly Building, the Henblien Hotel, the State Prison, the residences of Mark Twain, Mr. C. R. Forrest, Mr. L. Fisk, Mr. J. J. Goodwin and many others. The number of his assistants varies from six to twenty, according to the season. In addition to his business as a practical plumber and gas-fitter, Mr. Garvie deals in plumbing supplies, including water-closets, marble slabs, bath-tubs, hydrants, sheet-lead, lead-pipe, plain and galvanized iron pipe, hydraulic rams, copper and galvanized-iron boilers. He makes a specialty of gas fixtures. For two terms Mr. Garvie represented his ward in the Board of Aldermen.

H. K. LEE, Mechanical Engineer; Sales Agent for the Buckeye Engine; Mill Gearing, Pulleys, Hangers and Shafting; Office and Works, No. 223 State Street; P. O. Box 780.—Mr. Lee has had a large experience



during the past fifteen years in the erection of engines in all parts of the country. Nine-tenths of the marvelous progress made in the nineteenth century is due to the knowledge and skill of the mechanical engineer. This statement may be questioned; but when it is considered how much of our greatness is the direct result of the improved machinery—the application of forces hitherto little understood and less utilized—the assertion does not appear to be too bold. The hampering influences which in all ages have prevented

the rapid spread of ideas have been removed by the invention of improvements and additions to the printing press, cheapening the cost of books and periodicals, and placing them promptly at the disposal of the masses. Here we have the fundamental principle of all progress, and we need not go further in expatiating on those other means of rapid communication—the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone—all the product of the genius of mechanical engineers. In the department of steam the greatest developments are to be noted, and in this connection Mr. H. K. Lee's services to the people of Hartford are worthy of mention. Mr. Lee has been in business on his own account for the past ten years, but had previously had a long experience as a mechanical engineer. He makes a specialty of steam-engineering, and is an expert builder of steam-engines. He was formerly associated with the Hartford Engineering Co., which built the famous and world-famed Buckeye engine, of which some 5,000 have been shipped to all parts of the world. Mr. Lee now has the business of the late Hartford Engineering Co., and is pushing the interests of the Buckeye Engine Co. He is a member of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, and is prominent in engineering circles generally.

DRUG STORE, Goodwin Building, No. 214 Pearl Street; Dr. Cressy's Office is in the store, where he can be found for consultation and advice.—When purchasing goods of any kind it is, of course, well to use some discrimination in the placing of the order; but when buying drugs, either for human beings or animals, careful judgment becomes an absolute duty, for it is of the first importance that the articles obtained shall be pure and reasonably fresh, and it is a notorious fact that by no means all the drugs in the market are of this character. Doubtless many of our readers (and certainly a large proportion of those residing in Hartford) have satisfactorily solved the problem of where to get reliable drugs at fair prices, by placing all their orders with Dr. Noah Cressy, doing business in the Goodwin Building at No. 214 Pearl Street, for not only is he prepared to furnish such commodities of standard quality at reasonable rates, but he shows great enterprise in acquainting the public with the fact, and hence his facilities are as well known as they are extensive. Dr. Cressy was born in Massachusetts, and has been identified with his present business since 1881. The store utilized by him is 25 x 60 feet in dimensions, and contains a large and varied stock comprising drugs and medicines for both human beings and animals, but a specialty is made of those adapted for horses and cattle, the great variety on hand including distemper powders, and those for cough, worms, garget, as well as tonic and skin powders, liniments, hoof ointment, salves, colic medicines, mange lotion, etc., all of which are prepared from the best drugs in the market, both foreign and domestic. Dr. Cressy's office is in his store, where he can be consulted, and no trouble is spared to ensure the best advice in even the most trivial cases. Employment is given to a thoroughly competent assistant, and all callers are assured immediate and careful attention.



OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

HURD, MELLE & HEWES, Importers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in China, Glassware, Lamps, Barstow Stoves and Ranges, No. 255 Main Street.—The modern housewife hardly appreciates the advantages



she possesses in the matter of a profusion of household utensils; not alone in those indispensable articles of kitchen use, but in furnishings for the dining room, and, in fact, every portion of the domestic management. She not only has a much greater variety of these things, but their cost is very much less, particularly when they are purchased at such an establishment as that of Messrs. Hurd, Mellen & Hewes. This well-known firm of importers, wholesale and retail dealers in china, glassware, lamps, stoves and house furnishings generally,

have a widespread reputation for the excellence of their goods and the low prices charged in all departments. Their pronounced success is the result of hard work directed by unusual intelligence, and the firm have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts are fully appreciated by the general public. Theirs is one of the oldest stands in the city, its beginning dating back sixty years, when Mr. E. S. Kendall started the business on a rather modest scale. The present firm consists of Mr. C. F. Hurd, a native of Connecticut; Mr. M. Mellen, who was born in Massachusetts and served with distinction in the 44th Regiment of that State during the late war, and Mr. D. N. Hewes, who is a native of Connecticut. The firm occupies commodious quarters at No. 255 Main Street, their well-equipped store having a frontage of 25 feet and a depth of 185 feet, while the basement, which is utilized for storage purposes, measures 25 x 200 feet. The firm does an extensive wholesale and retail business, and carries a very full stock, including china and glassware of every description; lamps in great variety, including the celebrated Rochester and Miller; lanterns, lamp chimneys, etc.; the popular Barstow stoves and ranges; oil stoves, refrigerators of the most approved makes; fruit jars, agate ironware, kitchen furnishings, etc. The pay-roll of the firm contains an average of eighteen names, and only the most competent and experienced men are employed.

C. S. BREWER & CO.

✱ Wholesale Fruit Dealers and
✱ Commission Merchants,

FLORIDA ORANGES

A SPECIALTY.

NOS. 238 AND 240 ASYLUM STREET.

The commission house of Messrs. C. S. Brewer & Co. was inaugurated by them in 1870, and the success it has met with and the liberal patronage which it has received makes it worthy of an establishment of much longer standing. There is so much competition nowadays in the fruit and produce business that they who succeed in it must be pretty well informed, and know how to buy judiciously and sell reasonably. Messrs. Brewer & Co. are equal to any and all emergencies which may arise, however; so they have launched themselves in the surging sea of competition, and intend to run their chances in the great race for wealth. We prognosticate, from present appearances, that fortune has and will continue to smile upon their efforts, for their business methods are honorable and their integrity is unimpeachable. They are wholesale fruit dealers and commission merchants, and make a specialty of Florida oranges. The premises are located at Nos. 238 and 240 Asylum Street, and measure 25 x 125 feet in dimensions, so there is room enough to carry a large stock. The prices quoted are the lowest in the market, the goods are all in quality and come straight from the producers. Employment is given to ten assistants in the winter and twenty in summer, besides four traveling men, thus enabling all orders to be immediately taken as well as accurately filled and promptly delivered. The firm is composed of Messrs. C. S. Brewer and R. M. Burdick, both well known in business and social circles.



LIBRARY IN STATE HOUSE.



THE HUB (Chas. A. Rennacker, Managing Partner), Clothiers, Furnishers and Hatters, Nos. 139 and 141 Asylum Street.—To be well-dressed nowadays does not necessitate a very great draft upon the average income, provided proper discrimination is exercised in the selection of a clothier. There are numerous clothing houses that claim to give the buyer unusual value in every purchase, but there are comparatively few that can make good this assertion, as those who have relied upon representations made through advertisements and otherwise have good reason to know. Still, there is no lack of enterprise and honorable dealing in the clothing trade of Hartford, and the buyer can get the full worth of his money if he knows the right place in which to spend it. One of the best houses in this respect, and one where the utmost satisfaction is guaranteed to all customers, while the prices charged are most moderate, is The Hub, Nos. 139 and 141 Asylum Street. This business, which was founded in 1875, has recently passed into the hands of men of the greatest enterprise and thoroughly experienced and reliable as clothiers, furnishers and hatters. The establishment, which covers a large floor 40 x 125 feet in measurement, has been thoroughly renovated and refitted, while the old stock has been entirely cleaned out and has been replaced by a most complete line of fine clothing in the latest and most approved styles, and an elegant stock of men's furnishing goods, hats, canes and umbrellas, etc. They manufacture all of their clothing, using only the best materials and employing none but skilled workmen, and their guarantee, therefore, means much more than that which usually accompanies a sale of clothing in the average store. Their boys' department is one of the most complete in the city, and nowhere else can more durable, stylish and well-made clothing be found at as low prices. It is a model store in every respect and well-entitled to the commanding position it holds in the trade. The management is vested in the capable hands of Mr. Chas. A. Rennacker, the managing partner, who is assisted by a staff of seven clerks and salesmen.

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